

Howe says 'conclusive evidence' links embassy with El Al bomb attempt
Syrian diplomatic staff expelled

El Al bomber sentenced to record 45 years

Britain broke off diplomatic links with Syria and gave the ambassador 14 days to leave

Nezar Hindawi made a victory sign after he was sentenced to 45 years in jail

MIS is believed to have bugged the Syrian Embassy and tapped its telephones

Sir Geoffrey Howe told a hushed House of Commons yesterday that Britain was severing diplomatic relations with Syria after the conviction of Arab terrorist, Nezar Hindawi, for plotting to blow up an Israeli airliner on a flight from Heathrow.

Hindawi, aged 32, a Jordanian, was sentenced to 45 years imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court for attempting what the judge called a "horrendous massacre".

The deep involvement of the Syrian authorities in the plot led to Dr Loutouf Allah Haydar, the Syrian Ambassador, being summoned to the Foreign Office after the verdict was delivered. He was told he had 14 days to close the embassy and leave the country with his 20 staff.

Rigorous controls are also being imposed on the operations of Syrian Arab Airlines and its employees, including stricter searches of crews, passengers and baggage.

carrying the bomb had aroused deep and universal repugnance. There was "conclusive evidence" linking the terrorist with official Syrian agencies - its embassy in London and its intelligence services.

Britain's tough response to the attempted murder of the 375 people on the El Al flight, which was foiled by the vigilance of one of the Israeli

airline's security officers, was applauded in Israel. It was disclosed that MIS has had the Syrian Embassy in Belgrave Square under surveillance for some time and has been tapping telephone lines.

The Foreign Secretary's statement, which followed a meeting of senior Cabinet ministers earlier this week, received full support from all sections of the House as MPs put aside political differences to underline the country's determination to present a united front in the fight against international terrorism.

er of the Liberal Party, said the case showed that the trail of blood left by Syrian-trained and sponsored terrorists led to the doors of the Syrian Embassy.

Sir Geoffrey said the Syrian claim that they dealt with Hindawi as a bona fide journalist was "frankly incredible". It was undisputed that the terrorist travelled on an official Syrian passport under a

false name, that the Syrian Foreign Ministry twice backed his applications for visas, and that he met the Syrian Ambassador.

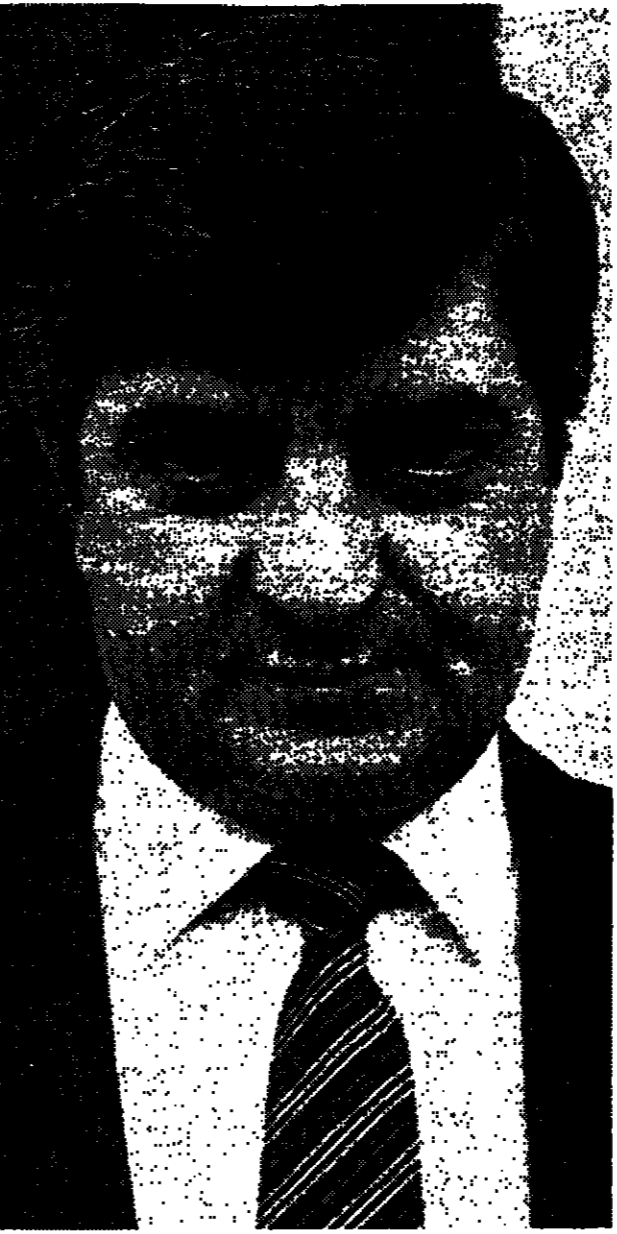
Mr Donald Anderson, a Labour spokesman on foreign affairs, said: "The Opposition enthusiastically applauds the sentence on this evil man and shares the Government's sense of outrage at the role of Syrian officials."

Link 'nonsense', says envoy

The Syrian Ambassador to London, Dr Loutouf Allah Haydar, remained cool and impassive yesterday when he was instructed to close his embassy and return with his staff to Damascus.

Security tightened for Arab arrivals

Passengers and crew on all inbound Syrian Arab flights are to be subjected to a detailed body search as part of the Government's dramatically increased security measures.



Dr Loutouf Allah Haydar, the Syrian Ambassador: Had links with terrorist (Photograph: Graham Wood)

Nezar Hindawi stood expressionless at the Central Criminal Court yesterday as he was sentenced to a record 45 years for trying to use Miss Ann Murphy, his pregnant girlfriend, as a human bomb to destroy an El Al flight carrying 375 people.

Hindawi, aged 32, and regarded by police as a "first division" Middle Eastern terrorist, trained by Syria and linked to the Abu Nidal organization, was told by Mr Justice Mars-Jones that his

plan was a "callous and cruel deception" which would have led to a "horrendous massacre". As Hindawi went down the steps of the dock, in court number one, he was seen to make a small victory sign.



Nezar Hindawi the way-aircrews are supervised which have been examined.

Speaking on BBC television, last evening, Miss Murphy said: "It was horrendous. A terrible strain. I was very happy that week... and for this to happen was absolutely dreadful."

She had been looking forward to her wedding in the Holy Land. She said the discovery of the bomb was "shattering" and really terrible. Her child would not bring back bad memories. "I love her very much. I don't think she will remind me. I will tell her all about what happened when she is old enough. I think she is entitled to know."

Next week

A modern plague

This virus is evil. It shows no mercy. It attacks the young and the innocent. I don't know what we are to do. On Monday, The Times begins a three-part series on how Aids is threatening millions in Africa.

The City earthquake

Who's who in the City revolution: on Monday, a 16-page Big Bang special report

Portfolio Gold

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Clocks go back

Clocks should be put back by one hour at 2 am tomorrow when summer-time ends. Clock check, page 3

TIMES BUSINESS

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Wapping attacks 'will cause death'

An attack similar to the one that killed a Welsh taxi driver during the miners' strike. Mr Wyn Jones, Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner in charge of policing East London, appealed to printers, who went on strike and were dismissed when newspapers belonging to Mr Rupert Murdoch, including The Times, moved to Wapping in January, to stop this "appalling" violence.

Sweeping changes in rate reforms

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday dismissed fears that the Government's proposed rates reforms will lead to huge increases for businesses. The Government is proposing to take non-domestic rating out of the bands of local government after 1990 and to impose a uniform business rate (UBR).

Thatcher to visit Strasbourg

From Richard Owen Brussels Mrs Margaret Thatcher is planning to visit the European Parliament in December to report to MEPs on the EEC Summit in London at the beginning of December and "set the seal on Britain's commitment to the EEC".

Stock Exchange rings out the old

The London Stock Exchange bid a sad farewell to its old traditions as the last trading day before Big Bang came to a close. More than 2,000 Stock Exchange members thronged the normally sober floor of the Throgmorton Street building armed with glasses of champagne.

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THE HINDAWI CASE

The genesis of terrorism

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Air slaughter plot points to Syria's Iron Man

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The attempt to slaughter the 375 passengers and crew of El Al flight 016 may have had its genesis high above the Mediterranean early this year when a Libyan executive jet, on route from Tripoli to Damascus, was intercepted by Israeli jets near Cyprus and ordered to land at Tel Aviv. It was just after one o'clock on the afternoon of February 5, a date still remembered with bitterness and anger in Syria.

The Israelis said later they had believed that Dr George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was on board the aircraft, travelling back to Syria from a meeting of radical Palestinian officials in Tripoli. But the hijacking - for that is what it was - turned out to be a monumental blunder. Habash was not on the plane; Mr Abdullah al-Ahmar, assistant secretary-general of the Syrian Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party, effectively the most important man in the Syrian hierarchy after President Assad.

When the president suffered his heart attack in 1983, General Haidar was in constant conflict with Rifaat, who was eventually sent into virtual exile in Switzerland. Today, Colonel Rifaat is in foreign seclusion again, commuting between Geneva and Paris, editing a magazine called Al Tala'a. His security men have been downgraded, in some cases sent out of Damascus. The only ghost of their old power remains in northern Lebanon, where local pro-Syrian groups are still loyal to Rifaat.

Infinitely more powerful is the president's own intelligence service run by Major General Mohamed El-Khouury, aged 52, a Sunni who is perhaps President Assad's most important adviser. His headquarters is in the presidential palace in Damascus, with his office adjacent to President Assad's. He is already in charge of security at the new presidential residences above Damascus and Inlatakia. All along, General El-Khouury has remained loyal to the president, who has in return kept him out of the power struggles of the other intelligence services.

It is General El-Khouury who has been the architect of Syria's policy in Lebanon since 1976 and it is he who credited with smashing the power of the Muslim Brotherhood fundamentalists in Syria in 1982, an act that gained him instant promotion. Using Colonel Rifaat's gunmen, El-Khouury effectively wiped out resistance. Residents of Hama who talk secretly of the mass executions in the last stages of the uprising there were witnesses to General El-Khouury's ruthlessness.

General El-Khouury is an air force officer - his operation is officially an air force intelligence network - and his relationship with President Assad is all the closer because the president was himself a pilot. In Lebanon, General El-Khouury's power is exercised by Brigadier General Ghazi Kenana, a slim, highly intelligent man whose military power is circumscribed by the fact that he is not permitted to make political decisions. Nevertheless, General Kenana's position demonstrates the contradictions within the Syrian security authorities. While Syria's enemies in Lebanon regard General Kenana with fear, many thousands of Lebanese rely on his presence for some form of order in west Beirut. Foreigners who might regard General El-Khouury's intelligence force with distaste find themselves relying upon Kenana's efficient Muhabarrat gunmen to keep the streets of west Beirut clear of kidnapers.

From this day on, we will not respect any civilians who use planes

controlling the network of secret police forces and the individual denizens of these vast and ruthless bureaucracies who are engaged in their own arguments and feuds.

In other words, it is not sufficient to deride President Assad's disclaimers of Syrian involvement in hijackings or bombings. Mr Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian Foreign Minister, probably meant exactly what he said when he defined "terrorism" as "any act of violence directed against civilians, innocent people, against air navigation such as hijacking aircraft or ships, bombing airports or cities..." Syria is against such acts, President Assad says.

But this is only the headquarters of the civilian security police, an establishment run with an iron hand by Brigadier General Ali Haidar, an Alawite who is regarded as one of the pillars of the Assad regime and who is deeply resentful of the rival secret service of the Syrian "special forces" headed by Colonel Rifaat El-Assad, the president's brother.

The problem with intelligence services is that they become law unto themselves

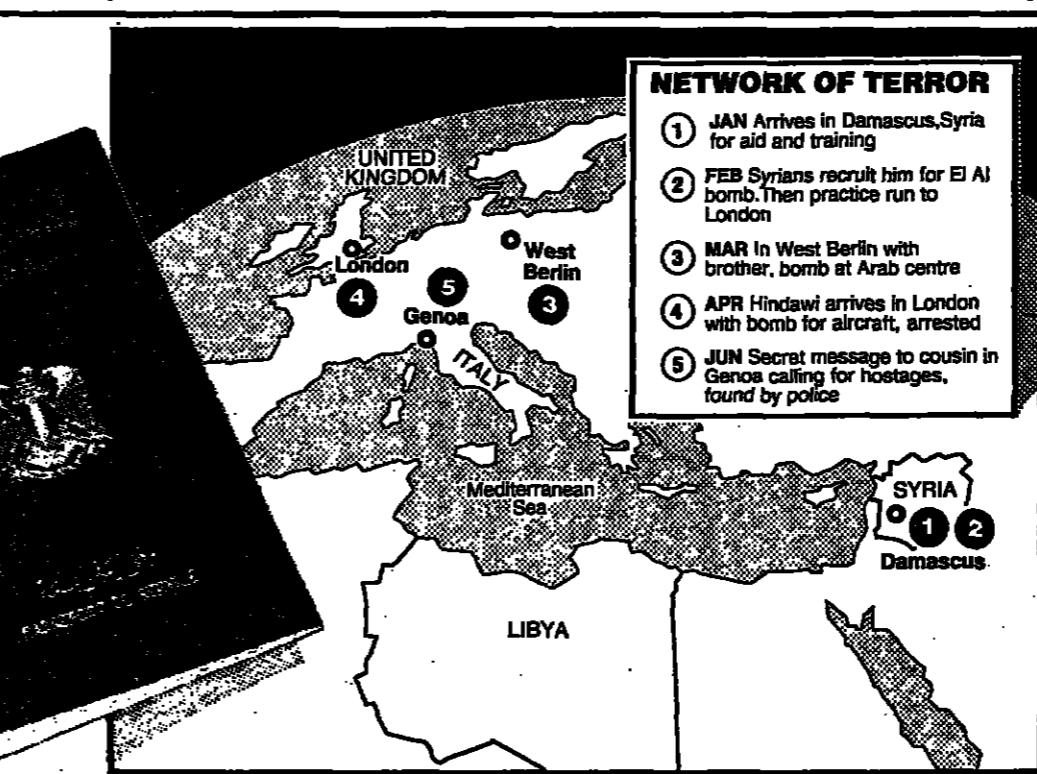
His own secret network has been responsible for producing forged passports and it has immense authority since it operates from within the military establishment. Douba's headquarters are in the Defence Ministry complex at one end of Kuwatly Street in the centre of Damascus.

Mid-East alert as diplomats fear reprisals

By Staff Reporters

British diplomats and Arab leaders throughout the Middle East were last night anticipating a furious reaction from President Assad of Syria to the break-off of relations between London and Damascus after the conviction of Nezar Hindawi.

British embassies in Beirut, Damascus and Cairo were on the alert for reprisals after Sir Geoffrey Howe told the House of Commons that there was "conclusive evidence" of Syrian involvement in the attempted bombing of the El Al airliner last April.



Hindawi's movements across Europe and the Middle East in pursuit of state-backed violence.

Inter-continental travels of a working terrorist

Nezar Hindawi travelling in his own name or on a false Syrian government passport moved backwards and forwards across Europe and the Middle East. He claimed some trips were financed by journalists, but they have been linked to a trail of terrorism (Stewart Tendler writes).

At the beginning of 1985 he was in Cairo, then Amman and after that London. From there he moved to Italy before crossing the Iron Curtain to live in Poland, where his wife lived, then into Romania. Later he was in Bulgaria.

In July he travelled secretly to Tripoli. The trip is not included in his papers and on a number of trips there are gaps in his passport which are not explained. He often used east and west Berlin as staging points.

His first documented connection with Syria came in January this year and a month later he had stored his Jordanian passport in West Berlin while he assumed the guise of a Syrian civil servant travelling on official business.

Like dozens of other Shin Bet agents operating in airports round the world, Mr A was specially trained to cross-examine and search all passengers to find irregularities which might reveal a potential hijacker or bomber.

It was another El Al security man at Madrid airport in June who managed to douse the suitcase with a fire extinguisher just as it was about to be loaded aboard a Tel Aviv flight with a bomb. He was seriously injured when it exploded but the aircraft and its passengers were saved.

It was El Al's security men at Vienna and Rome airports last December who fired at the terrorists who were machine gunning passengers and succeeded in killing them or driving them off.

The special security checks run by El Al mean that passengers on the airline's flights have to arrive at the airport at least two hours before take-off.

"We have a lot of respect for the British legal system," a senior Israeli official said after the verdict. "The British decision is a giant step in the right direction by Western democracies in the fight against international state terrorism."

A government statement on the case is not expected until after tomorrow's Cabinet meeting. News of the verdict came as most ministers were honouring the start of Simhat Tora, a holiday which marks the start of the annual cycle of reading from the Bible. There was no official comment.

Washington The United States, long frustrated by the lack of conclusive proof that Syria is engaged in acts of international terrorism, is deeply satisfied by the tough, swift diplomatic reprisals taken by the British Government.

There was no immediate French Government reaction to the news that Britain has broken off diplomatic relations with Syria, although the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Jean-Bernard Raimond, said that this decision would lead to an exchange of views by European Community members.

Justice authorities in West Berlin, where Hindawi's brother, Ahmed Hasi, aged 35, also faces trial on a bomb charge, yesterday declined to comment on Hindawi's sentence.

That is a matter for British justice, a spokesman said. "The outcome of the Hindawi trial will also have no bearing whatsoever on our trial of his brother."

Government circles in Bonn were also not prepared to comment on the Hindawi trial. Privately, however, they expressed relief that a self-invited visit to Bonn next week by Mr Faruk al-Sharaa, the Syrian Foreign Minister, would not take place.

The Government still maintains that as yet it has no clear proof of any Syrian Government involvement in the recent Paris bombings attacks, responsibility for which has been claimed by Arab terrorist groups.

President Chaim Herzog revealed this in July when he praised the anonymous heroes of the service who, he said, risked their life every day for the safety of the state.

First, Colonel Gaddafi's regime is widely disliked in the Middle East and Libya is not a central player in the Middle East peace efforts. And it is militarily weak, unlike Syria.

Additionally, Libya is geographically and politically isolated, unlike Syria.

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The judge

A musician dedicated to freedom

Sir William Mars-Jones, the judge who yesterday handed down Britain's biggest sentence when he jailed Nezar Hindawi for 45 years, believes that trial by jury is the "last bastion of freedom".



After his report was published, the Commissioner of Police issued "explicit" instructions that the investigation of complaints of serious crime should be carried out by officers who are not in the direct chain of command over the officer against whom the complaint is being made.

Diplomats warn of backlash by Assad

By Nicholas Beeston

Arab diplomats in London said yesterday that Syria's rivals would welcome the break of diplomatic relations between London and Damascus, but said pro-Syrian groups might avenge the decision.

Damascus and the European bombings

By Stewart Tendler

Four times since the violent politics of the Middle East erupted on European streets the Syrians have been linked to terrorism in Britain.

Declining trade links in a small market

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Syria's shortage of foreign exchange and the country's state-controlled economy has made it a market of limited attraction for British companies.

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In Xanadu did Kubla Khan

a stately
pleasure
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Hamilton-Dalrymple and Louisa Slack with pottery remains

... to which, 700 years later, travelled two resourceful young Britons, courtesy of their innocence, their colleges and a scrutible Mongolian policeman who thoughtfully escorted them away from Xanadu by taking them straight to it. Alan Franks unfolds the story of a remarkable journey, one decreed as much by Coleridge's poem as by Marco Polo



An imaginative vision of Xanadu, drawn by Gerald Metcalfe, and based on the poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, above.

After 8,000 miles, and three months on a supposedly impossible journey through sealed borders and scorching deserts, two fresh-faced Cambridge undergraduates, straight from the pages of Evelyn Waugh, stood in the middle of a Mongolian plain with a storm raging about their ears and beheld the ruins of Xanadu, the palace that inspired one of the most famous poems in the English language - Samuel Taylor Coleridge's *Kubla Khan*.

They had no right to be here; this is one of China's forbidden regions. As the lightning flashed overhead, illuminating the broad, desolate valley and the wreckage of the great Khan's once sumptuous summer retreat, they found themselves standing where no Briton is thought to have stood for more than 100 years.

It was the culmination of a most implausible mission, the aim of which was to follow in the footsteps of Marco Polo, who 700 years ago travelled from Jerusalem with a phial of oil from the city's Holy Sepulchre, one of the most sacred relics of Christendom, to Kubla Khan's court at Shang-tu.

For generations of anthropologists, Xanadu has been the mythical location of Kubla Khan's palace, conjured not from historical evidence so much as from the fevered, opium-fed imagination of Coleridge five centuries later.

But the place did indeed exist, and still does - but only just, for, as the two students discovered from the local population, the ruins of Xanadu (or Shang-tu, to give it its local name) may soon be razed when the plain on which it stands, 200 miles to the north of Peking, becomes a wheat-growing area.

The two believe they may be the only English travellers to have set eyes on "Xanadu" for more than a century - ever since S W Bushell, physician to the British legation in Peking, recorded his sighting in 1872.

Whether their claim is correct or not, the story of their journey - funded by their colleges and costing only £2,000 - represents a splendid piece of modern British eccentricity, with all manner of echoes: Freya Stark, Peter Fleming, Robert Byron, Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, and so on.

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The pedigrees of the two students seem perfect for such a venture, he, William Hamilton-Dalrymple, a 21-year-old history man in his third year at Trinity, son of Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, tenth baronet, and plainly either brilliant, or bonkers, or both; she, Louisa Slack, a 20-year-old English student from Clare, an impeccable English rose, daughter of the former headmaster of Bedales.

On the face of it, Dalrymple's desire to repeat Marco Polo's journey was somewhat greater than his wish to emulate the man. "Marco Polo is the most overrated human being in western history," he thinks. "His account of the journey is stunning in its boredom."

Xanadu represented the final challenge in an undertaking that was, to all intents and purposes, daft, and one in which they risked arrest or deportation at almost every stage, particularly during their two-week traverse of Iran.

After 11-weeks, during which they had to dress up as locals - he in a Mao jacket, she with a veil, in order to be allowed on the Chinese buses - the revisionist Polos reached the Inner Mongolian town of Duolon.

"We decided to set off on foot the following morning," says Hamilton-Dalrymple, "using the River 'Shang-tu' [Coleridge's 'Alph'] as a guide. But the hotel staff reported us, and at six in the morning the authorities came down on us. There was a knock at the door and the security guards came in."

Two schoolteachers were

enlisted as interpreters. The police remained adamant that Shang-tu was a closed area until, just as Willie and Louisa were about to go, one of the policemen said that in return for the equivalent of about £18 they could be escorted out of the area - by way of Shang-tu.

It was an unlikely party in the jeep which set off on the last leg of the journey that morning: two Cambridge undergraduates, two Mongolian schoolteachers, and a pair of security officers. As they travelled, hills topped by cairns appeared on the horizon. The old Mongol appellation for Shang-tu had been - Chao Naiman Sumu Khotan (City of 108 Temples), and when one of the teachers wrote out that figure on a piece of paper and handed it to Dalrymple, the travellers realized they were on the threshold of their destination.

"A colossal thunderstorm was raging, says Dalrymple. "We came down over a range of hills, and suddenly, to our left, there it was - this extraordinary site of ruins. There was this huge, long rampart, 20 feet high, stretching out across the flat plain. And there was this incredible storm - driving rain, freezing cold. You could hardly have been further from the vision which Coleridge describes."

"Polo wrote that there was an outer park of some 16 square miles, but we could find no trace of it. The wall that we saw must have covered about five square miles. What we found was an

outer and an inner enclosure, the floor of which was covered with column bases and old tiles. In the remains of the outer wall we found more remnants of pottery.

"The ramparts running the length of the plain were double, with a ditch in the middle; they were made out of rubble and mud, shaped steeply on the inside, and with a lower angle facing out. We could find absolutely no evidence of the marble which Marco Polo claimed to have found there."

Clearly things had altered considerably since Bushell's visit; though there was one remarkable artefact still left intact near the dais at the centre of the inner enclosure - a three-foot-tall statue in flat relief, portraying a figure holding a cup. "It was pock-marked, evil, narrow, with a pointed beard," Dalrymple says. "There seemed nothing remotely Chinese about it. It was dark, brooding, like a pagan Celtic image from a hill fort in the west of Ireland."

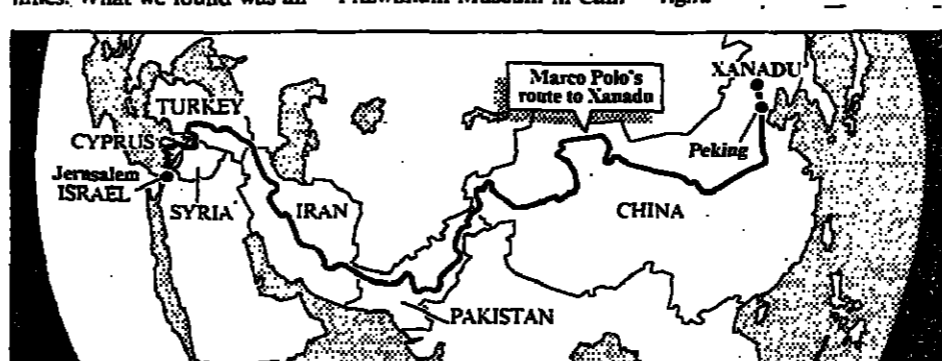
During their 40 minutes at Shang-tu they were kept under close surveillance by the police, and forbidden to take photographs, but they none the less managed to smuggle out 15 fragments of tile and pottery, which they hid in their sleeping bags for the journey home from Peking. *The Times* sought an expert opinion on the fragments' authenticity from the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cam-

bridge, which confirmed that in all probability they do date from the thirteenth century.

Their mission complete, Willie and Louisa took their holy oil from the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem (the very same substance that Polo had transported to Kubla Khan, although the 20th century travellers kept theirs safe in a small plastic bottle that had originally held oils from the Body Shop in Covent Garden), poured the contents on to the site where the Khan's throne had once stood and there, in the pelting rain, half-way across the world from Cambridge, recited in unison the poem that had been the cause of their odyssey:

*In Xanadu did Kubla Khan
A stately pleasure-dome decree:
Where Alph, the sacred
River, ran
Through caverns measureless
to man
Down to a sunless sea,
So twice five miles of fertile
ground
With walls and towers
were girdled round;
And there were gardens
bright with sinuous rills,
Where blossomed many
an incense-bearing tree;
And here were forests
ancient as the hills,
Enfolding sunny spots
of greenery.*

"They all thought we were mad," Louisa says. "Completely and utterly off our heads. Maybe they were right."



How Polo saw Shang-tu

There is at this place a very fine marble palace, the rooms of which are all gilt and painted with figures of men and beasts and birds, and with a variety of trees and flowers, all executed with such exquisite art that you regard them with delight and astonishment.

Round this palace a wall is built, enclosing a compass of 16 miles, and inside the Park there are fountains and rivers and brooks, and beautiful meadows, with all kinds of wild animals (excluding such as are of ferocious nature), which the Emperor has procured and placed there to supply food for his gervilcons and hawks. Moreover (at a spot in the Park where there is a charming wood) he has another Palace built of cane. It is gilt all over, and most elaborately finished inside. The Lord abides at this park of his, dwelling sometimes in the Marble Palace and sometimes in the Cane Palace for three months of the year, to wit, June, July, and August, preferring this residence because it is by no means hot, in fact it is a very cool place. When the 28th day of August arrives, he takes his departure, and the Cane Palace is taken to pieces.

Kubla Khan, who began it all

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A first taste of Paris

Children in Paris can digest culture and cuisine in roughly equal quantities. Guy Topham and his family struck a happy balance

The most memorable sight of Paris had been a tartine aux fraises...

They had to manage with pain chocolat, which could be munched while walking...

That was when we noticed on the back page of a travel brochure that an alternative to a hotel in Paris could be a flat...

From the Gare du Nord, the taxi's route was along the Boulevard de Rochechouart...

Then we swung uphill and suddenly were in a little leafy square with trees and benches...

But the memory rankled and Paris remained high on the list of places to be revisited...

The small hotel where we usually stay in Paris is near the Madeleine and the windows of Fauchon...

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Junior jaunts: a perfect view for young eyes of tout Paris from the top of Notre Dame

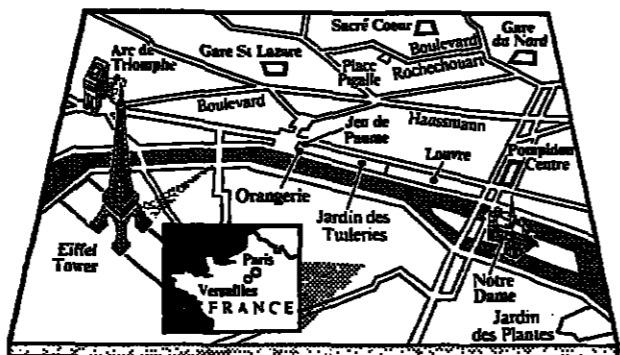
Junior jaunts: a perfect view for young eyes of tout Paris from the top of Notre Dame

Exploration that first evening was inevitably up the hill to the summit. Those who can remember the Place du Tertre as a quiet square with the smell of Gauloises...

Next morning the local shops and the market in Rue Lepic were noted, particularly the food that we could now buy and pack into the capacious refrigerator in the flat...

For a week's stay, sightseeing had been planned in chronological sequence beginning with the Middle Ages...

The next period was the 17th and 18th centuries and Le Roi Soleil which, of course, meant Versailles. The train from Gare St Lazare was swift...



TRAVEL NOTES

Self-catering apartments in the Résidence Dullin, 10 Place Charles Dullin, 75018 Paris (1 42 57 14 55) are included, together with air or surface travel, in holidays offered by French Leave, 21 Fleet Street, London EC4. Prices for one week range from £301 for a one-bed flat with shower...

Our flat with four sharing its three rooms would cost, with rail travel, £192 a head.

most deserted and we had Le Hameau to ourselves. In sharp contrast came next morning's visit to the chill dungeons of La Conciergerie, the cells of Marie Antoinette and the rusty blade of the guillotine hanging on the wall...

The last century meant more museums, of course. The Louvre, the Impressionists in the Jeu de Paume (now about to be moved) and the Orangerie, all in or around the Tuileries, were essentials but the visits were kept short and in search of a particular picture or painter...

Suddenly it was the last night. The girls walked with us through the crowds and noise of the Place du Tertre to the quiet street behind, where you can lean on a wall and look over the glittering city...

ALAN BENNETT READING: Half-term treat for children, particularly if they have never heard Bennett, a brilliant story-teller, before. He will be reading excerpts from Winnie the Pooh this morning. Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 5174). Today, 11-30am. Adult with child £1.50, without child £3, child 50p.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT: Johnny Morris narrates Tubby the Tuba and the New Symphony Orchestra plays movements from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Sibelius's Karelia and Lutoslawski's Little Suite. Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3161), today, 11am and 2pm. Judy Froshang

Piers of the realm

"Welcome to Eastbourne Pier" says the greeting. A nearby notice invitingly announces that "Admission to the Pier is Free". Yet another invites visitors to take a stroll ("No dogs on the Pier, if you please") and lists the attractions on which you can spend what you have saved on the admission fee...

Eastbourne is a good choice if you want to recapture some of the nostalgic atmosphere of the seaside piers of old, when they were an institution of the Victorian age - daring, uninhibited and totally devoted to the pursuit of pleasure...

It has undergone change but the accent is still on pleasure, entertainment and eating. Amusement arcades - now euphemistically retitled family amusement centres abound. Machines of the Swan the Butlers Saw vintage have long disappeared to museums, displaced by more up-to-date technology which concentrates on science fiction, star wars and space ships...

The sun was shining outside on the blue and white livery of the pier, but in the darkened cave of temptation known as the Blue Room, lights were



Victorian skyline: Eastbourne Pier

caught seafood. There are also souvenir, craft-work and jewellery shops, and a studio which turns out dainty glass animals. The hungry can buy sausage and chips for 85p or more up-market chicken nuggets (and chips) for £1.95.

At the pierhead bar there is live entertainment. There seems something incongruous about dancing a smoochy waltz or a cha-cha at 11am, but ballroom dancing at all hours of the day and night has always been part of the pier tradition. It used to be performed to the music of an orchestra, but nowadays it is more likely to be a one-man band - an electric organ producing all the instrumental sounds of a full band.

From the pierhead there is angling - the oldest and most consistent of pier pastimes. There are fishing trips out to sea, motor-boat excursions on the Skylark, passing Beachy Head, as well as faster and more exciting speedboat trips.

Another of the traditional pier features is the clairvoyant who, at Eastbourne, combines the dispensing of insight with the sale of herbal remedies.

Nowadays the pier season is no longer confined to the summer months. After the holidaymakers depart it becomes a social centre for the people of Eastbourne, fulfilling the management's wish to make it pay all year round.

Cyril Bainbridge

The author's latest book, Pavilions on the Sea (Robert Hale, £12.95), a history of the seaside pleasure pier, was published on Thursday.

OUTINGS

DOMESDAY: There is only a week to go before the end of the spectacular exhibition in Winchester which celebrates the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book, the historic survey of England ordered by William the Conqueror. The exhibition closes on Saturday, November 1, and will then be shipped across the Atlantic to go on display at Disneyworld in Florida. Readers of The Times have a special chance to visit Domesday 900, which will make an ideal outing for half term week. The family coupon on the right will admit two adults and two children for a total of £3 - a saving of £4. The exhibition is in the

FAMILY TICKET DOMESDAY

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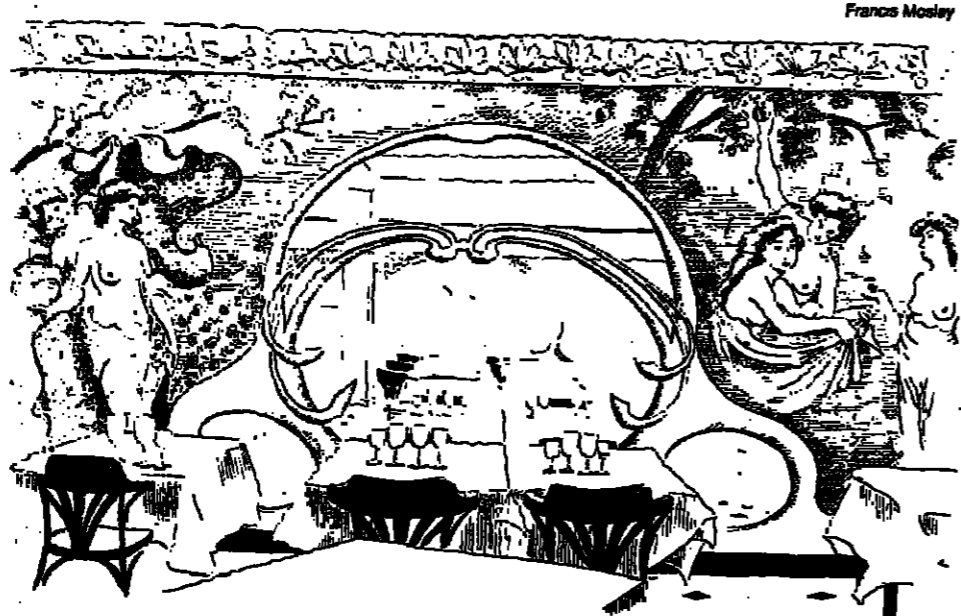
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Various small advertisements and notices, including travel agency information and local business listings.

EATING OUT



The art nouveau of hi-tech style

So you thought you'd seen it all? You saw the Pub Lotus where the tables were magnesium alloy wheels and the beer pump handles were gear-shifts. You saw the "themed" pub near Euston that was a POW camp with barbed wire and sirens. You saw—and can still see—Payton Place which is a masterpiece of piscine kitsch and marine theatricality. But you had not, until now, seen an attempt to marry art nouveau and hi-tech which succeeded only in begetting a decorative Minotaur called Café Maxim.

Jonathan Meades on the unconvincing hybrid spawned by a famous parent

items. I went with four people and among the dishes we ate were marinated salmon with sour cream, overboiled quail eggs with Bayonne ham; a well-received feuilleté of wild mushrooms and courgettes with a wine-based sauce; a massive bouillabaisse with a rouille that, for once, did not come out of a tin; veal chops with anchovy butter; a dreary salad of spinach and bits of bacon; duck legs with peas and a well-made sticky sauce.

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THE TIMES COOK Steaming and savoury

Pleasing hot puddings do not need to be sweet nor made with suet. Shona Crawford Poole suggests some chunky fillings for the most warming winter meals



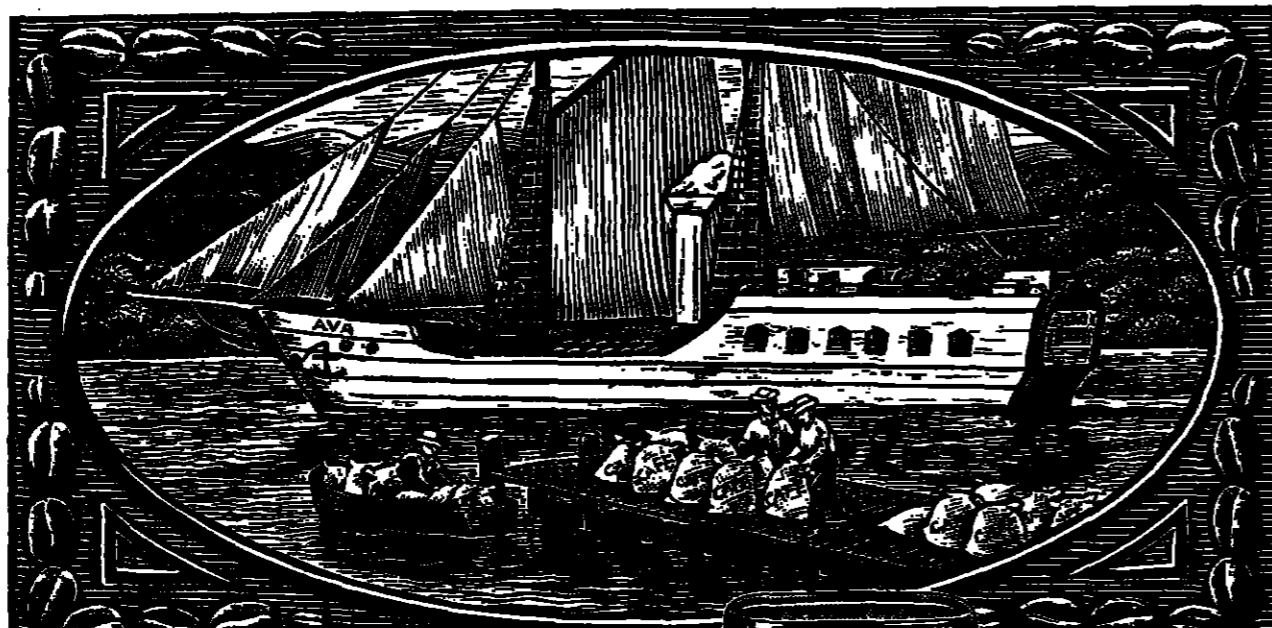
- Ingredients list for the steaming pudding recipe, including chestnuts, celeriac, shallots, onion, butter, mushrooms, and various flours.

Put the bird in a pan, cover it with cold water and bring it to the boil. Discard the water, refill the pan with fresh water and bring it slowly to the boil. Skim and add the carrots, onions, celery and bouquet garni together with a teaspoonful of salt.

Advertisement for a book or publication by Beryl Downes, featuring a portrait of a woman.

Advertisement for 'here' featuring a large graphic of a keyhole and text describing a dining experience.

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DRINK

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THE ARTS

The novel approach to literary glitter

"I really can't believe I came from here", snickered the Australian novelist Peter Carey as he surveyed the downy purlieus of Bacchus Marsh, Victoria. Everyone has to come from somewhere...

Ominous: The Most Beautiful Lies (BBC) did the viewer the signal service of dispensing with the poodle-faking style common to literary profiles and, instead, gave the subject free rein to confide such things as his wish "to celebrate the human spirit"...

To a greater or lesser degree, all fiction worth reading is autobiographical: it never comes as much of a revelation to learn that individual writers have taken their inspiration from the world around them...

TELEVISION

pop promo videos, and in the process to eclipse, or at least subvert, the purposes of literature.

It was a decent idea to adapt for television J. B. Priestley's nostalgic novel of the variety-theatre life, Lost Empires (Granada), though not perhaps in a version of eight hours' duration; sandbagged with tactical advice, the young hero had to wait 90 minutes for his first proper kiss...

At times, the opening double-length episode was like clawing one's way through an Edwardian padding, and of the choicest plums - John Castle's granite misogyny, Brian Glover's falling-down-drunk bombast, Laurence Olivier's dipso-paranoia - the last has already come to a bloody end.

Martin Cropper

RADIO REVIEW

David Wade's review of radio programmes has had to be held over. It will appear on the Arts page on Monday, October 27.

India's great classical vocalist KISHORI AMONKAR in concert at The Queen Elizabeth Hall October 31 at 7.45 p.m.

Ten years ago today the National Theatre was officially opened on the South Bank. Sir Peter Hall looks back over the decade and announces that at the end of 1988 he will hand over the reins

Ten years hard

National institutions like Wimbledon or the British Museum seem eternal fixtures. Their beginnings are remembered with difficulty and with surprise. It is like that now with the National Theatre. Denis Lasdun's building stands on the South Bank, familiar after ten years of hard use...

We planned the opening of this splendid palace in a tin-roofed prefab in a Lambeth back street. It leaked, was full of rats, and had long served as the NT's offices. Behind it, blackberries grew wild, a healthy reminder that any city is temporary.

It was an unreal period of waiting, wondering when and how we should leave the Old Vic for our new home. Laurence Olivier was expected to lead the company into it. But building delays turned months into years, and this, combined with Larry's ill health, made him give up and tragically miss the most appropriate opening in English theatrical history.

The new building's empty towers and terraces continued to rise hesitantly on the South Bank. A dozen years ago it was inhabited only by painfully slow workmen. I wandered through it many times. Sometimes it looked like a wonderful place of enjoyment waiting to welcome thousands; sometimes like a grey ghost-ship moored somewhat temporarily to the bank of the Thames.

That is, if we could ever get our foot in the door. The building delays were beginning to seem endless and absurd. How could we speed things up? Finally, we decided to force our way into the unfinished building and open it piecemeal. It was a risk, but at least we were being constructive.

The old Lambeth prefab, where we thought out our strategy and planned our opening repertoire, was pulled down; the blackberries vanished. But the National Theatre

quickly flourished, packed with audiences curious to see the brand new playhouse. One by one, the Lyttelton, the Olivier and the Cottesloe staged plays. The whole process took a full twelve months - and they were the most complex and demanding of my life.

Because of all this, the adrenalin pumped extra hard; there was among us an absolute determination to succeed. I have always enjoyed a good scrap and I have to admit that it was very exciting - even when it was alarming.

I can't pretend I was ignorant in 1976 of the thousand natural knocks, as well as the rather fewer delights, that are likely to attend the launch of any new cultural giant in our failure-loving society. And this was compounded because it was happening in the passionate world of the theatre.

Fourteen years earlier, I had started the RSC. That was an exhilarating and taxing experience; but the NT's birth on the South Bank had problems infinitely more difficult. I give thanks that we were blessed not only with great actors, writers, directors and designers, but a superb technical and administrative team, many of whom are still with me. And, from the start, the public always supported us.

This article is headed "Ten years hard" - but it needs qualifying. Although it expresses hard work and many difficulties, my life at the NT has been far from a punishment. It has been a decade full of happiness, and real achievement, some my own, but most by other people. I have seen young actors grow into the greatest parts in our



John Haynes has staged nearly thirty foreign playwrights from Aeschylus to Mamet, yet I am still criticized for doing too much British drama. The left-wing Press like to denounce the NT as a purveyor of Ayckbourn and Shaffer to the middle classes; the right-wing Press was feverish because public money is being spent on "Marxist" playwrights like Harold Brenton and Boud. But I accept all that. I think, if the clamour of the axe-grinders is equal, I have it about right.

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Of course, good news is not news - which means that it is dull. And I'm afraid that, looking back over the 10 years, it's not the triumphs (and there are many - certainly enough for us to feel proud) that come first into my mind. It's the setbacks and the near-disasters that rise before me, like volcanoes in the ocean.

I have seen a colleague-director brought unsuccessfully to trial at the Old Bailey by Mary Whitehouse for a particular scene in *The Romans in Britain*. There have been three damaging strikes. And we have suffered severe financial crises - year after year our grant has been reduced in real terms; in 1985, we even had temporarily to shut the Cottesloe. The thought too never leaves me that, sufficiently financed, we could have realized fully the enormous potential of the NT: toured the country for 40 weeks a year instead of the usual 15 or so, brought regional companies to the South Bank, and created a genuine national theatre. Perhaps the Arts Council will reflect on this in the future.

cold and unhappy outside as you are inside. But I don't regret the bad times any more than I regret bad weather. They were challenges which hardened our resolve. I have made mistakes of course - occasionally big ones. But the NT on the South Bank has been an undoubted success-story packed with original and dangerous work, and also, consistently, with audiences. But of course I am prejudiced.

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When we opened the NT, Tom Phillips designed an intriguing poster for us. Lettered across it - much mocked at the time, I remember - were the words "The New National Theatre Is Yours". Now, when I walk through the foyers and see people, knees hunched, sitting on the floor listening to jazz, or children busy at the bookshop, or an auditorium hear a roar of laughter or feel a tense silence, I know that the poster was right.

I still have over two years left at the National - and as a director there - six more productions. Then my contract is up. I have told my Chairman and Board that I do not wish them to consider an extension. *The Sunday Times*, the latest axe-bearer - and a somewhat bloody one at that - will probably claim that this proves the rightness of their recent articles on Trevor Nunn and myself. But they are wrong. By the end of 1988 I shall have had 15 years at the National Theatre and that is long enough. After founding the RSC, and opening the NT, and with the happy and fruitful continuation of Glyndebourne, I hope to have the time and energy to do one more major job. I have loved working on the South Bank. And I celebrate our tenth birthday by thanking everybody who has made it possible.

Provoking thought

CONCERT

Philharmonia/Salonon Festival Hall

Last night's performance by the Philharmonia of Berio's *Sinfonia* was the shining exception to the neglect of contemporary orchestral music about which I wondered a week ago, and the people behind me bated it. But, and this is surely the important thing, they spent a full ten minutes, while we waited for the platform seating to be altered, telling each other why they hated it, in great and exact detail.

I cannot ever remember a work from the standard repertoire being discussed with such acuity and at such length, and, pace the managing director of the London Symphony Orchestra, I would rather measure the success of a concert in terms of audience thought than audience numbers.

It was, too, a performance to make one think. Having been used to hearing the work on record, I found at times the very incisive, strong and direct conducting of Esa-Pekka Salonen made the sound too palpably present: Berio works

Farcical extremes

THEATRE

Scenes from a Marriage Barbican

From this he sinks into a whirlpool of vilification, helpless to defend himself against a woman who knows how to twist every remark to put him back where he belongs - in the wrong. News of her mother's death (which turns out to be as much an illusion as the phantom pregnancy) gives him a brief interval of sanctimonious lamentation; but by the end, the sleepless partners are all set for their next fight.

Coming from Feydeau, this miserable chronicle ought to detonate a comic explosion on the grand scale. As it happens, last night's audience sat through it with hardly a giggle. What has gone wrong? Barnes' text is muscular, highly speakable and laced with good jokes that never hold up the farcical mechanics. Maybe Feydeau himself is partly to blame. The plays are new to me, but you do not have to be a feminist to be put off by their sexual one-sidedness. However, farce does not



Janet Dale prepares for battle in the bedchamber played by Susan Colver, unrecognizably transformed from a Parisian flirt to a surly German trailing a rag doll; and a smashing quartet of lady saxophonists who occupy one side of Gerard Howland's sumptuous *belle époque* re-

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There was a time when farce occupied a lowly status on the British stage. It was then discovered to have an ancient pedigree and was elevated in the repertoire. Now it has become invincibly respectable, bracketed with tragedy as a high-status ruthlessly truthful genre, and we are in danger of forgetting that it started off by making people laugh.

Scenes from *A Marriage* is an extreme instance of this gentrification. Adapted by Peter Barnes from three of Feydeau's last plays and directed by Barnes's regular colleague, Terry Hands, it follows the career of Lucien Follberguet, from his entry to his living room and finally into the hell-hole of the marital bedchamber. Just what kind of man Lucien might be off the premises we never find out, as he is seen from first to last as the wretched victim of family life. He cannot so much as attempt to extract a tooth without his wife barging in to demand that he dismiss the maid; to accuse him of adultery; and to threaten to leave home (at which he fleetingly enjoys a false ray of hope). Playing pregnancy as her trump card, she stays put to ruin his meals and summon a team of medical and family sympathizers, who likewise treat him like dirt and finally hold him responsible for what turns out to be a phantom labour. Lucien then has a night out at the arts ball, returning at four in the morning attired as Louis XIV in a

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Kingston Palace
October 24: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales Advisory Group on Disability, this morning at Kensington Palace chaired a meeting of the group...

Dinners
The annual dinner of the Society of Engineers was held last night at Brewers' Hall, Mr Raymond Yarnell, president, accompanied by Mrs Yarnell...

Forty Club
Mr E.W. Swanton, President of the Forty Club, presided at the jubilee dinner held last night at the Hilton hotel...

Association of Lancastrians in London
Lord Shuttleworth, President of the Association of Lancastrians in London, presided at the annual dinner of the association held last night at the Russell Hotel...

Association des Anciens Elèves du Lycée Français de Londres
Mme Françoise Manners, President of the Association des Anciens Elèves du Lycée Français de Londres, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Waldorf Hotel...

Institute of Public Relations
Miss Carol Friend, President of the Institute of Public Relations, welcomed the guests at the annual dinner held last night at the Waldorf Hotel...

Ampleforth College
On October 10 old boys of St Cuthbert's House, attended Mass at the Church of the Assumption and a dinner afterwards at the Café Royal...

Cartwrights
A dinner was held in Cardiff Castle last night to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the found-

this afternoon opened the Society's House in Tetbury, Gloucestershire...
Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson was in attendance...

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of 32 Squadron Royal Air Force, was attended by Captain Michael Campbell-Campbell...

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The annual dinner of the Central and South Middlesex Law Society was held at the Savoy Hotel last night...

The Green Howards
The King of Norway, Colonel-in-Chief of The Green Howards (Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment), dined with his officers last night at the Devereux Club...

The Norwegian Ambassador, Major-General R.L. Guthrie, Brigadier Sir I. Luitel, Mr Terence Gunn, Mr Robert Luff and Mr John Sanderson...

Manx Regiment
Colonel Henry Kelly presided at a reunion dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club for the Manx Regiment, 15th (OMA) LA Regiment P.A. (A).

Appointments
Latest appointments include: Major-General Marcus Garwood to be promoted Lieutenant-General and to be Commandant General Royal Marines...

Michael Sharkey

Assisi, a place of peace

This weekend religious leaders from throughout the world are converging on Assisi in order to spend Monday together in prayer and fasting for peace...
Pope John Paul II, who suggested this assembly, will be joined by the leaders of other Christian communions and denominations...

Science report

Leech lacking warm waters

Scientists have long been puzzled by the decline of the medicinal leech...
The medicinal leech is now confined to the Lake District, the New Forest, Anglesey, and South Wales...

OBITUARY

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL MICHAEL BRENNAN

Poacher turned gamekeeper

Lieutenant-General Michael Brennan, who was Chief of Staff of the Irish Army from 1931 to 1940, died yesterday...
He was 90. After becoming a rebel against British rule while still in his teens...

DR EDWARD DOISY

Fishmeal the active principle

Dr Edward Doisy, who was awarded the 1943 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for his research in isolating vitamin K...
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THE REV NOEL SCHOFIELD

Reverend Noel Schofield

The Reverend Noel Schofield, who died on October 22 at the age of 86, will be remembered as an effective teacher of the Old Testament...
He was a Fellow of Wolfson College.

Miss Blanche Sweet

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

US calls on West to curb Opec by stockpiling Pound stronger on dollar surge

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

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OT & T in docks plan

Ocean Transport and Trading, which rejected a £258 million bid from the New Zealand financier Mr Ron Brierley this month, is to develop its 8.5-acre former industrial estate at Millwall Dock on the Isle of Dogs, east London, in a joint venture with Roger Malcolm, the housebuilding subsidiary of Bellwinch (writes Judith Huntley).

Shops scheme

Prudential Portfolio managers, part of the Prudential Corporation, hopes to join forces with rival developer JT Bayliss & Co to build 575,000 sq ft of out-of-town retailing and leisure at Cribbs Causeway near Bristol, Marks and Spencer and Carrefour are supporting the scheme.

Broker bought

Brown Shipley, the merchant bank, has announced the acquisition of another stockbroker, Scottish-based Stirling Hendry and Co, for £4 million, and has reached a provisional agreement to buy St Paul's finance and investment Company.

No agreement

Hong Kong and Canada yesterday talks aimed at a new bilateral agreement on the crown colony's textile exports without agreement, a senior trade official said. Progress had been made, he said, but differences remained over export growth.

US share offer

National Westminster Bank is offering shares worth the equivalent of £153 million in the form of American Depository Receipts. The shares, which started trading in New York on Tuesday, are each equal to three ordinary NatWest shares.

BaE posting

The board of British Aerospace has elected Sir Kenneth Durham, one of its non-executive directors, as deputy chairman from October 31.

Addison offer

Addison Consultancy group has declared its offer for Aidcom International unconditional. It will remain open until further notice.

Prices down

The prices of West Germany's imports less than a year earlier, according to figures yesterday.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES, GOLD, NORTH SEA OIL. Includes data for New York, Tokyo, London, etc.

A call for the West to fight Opec's attempt to reassert its authority in the world oil market was made in London yesterday by the United States Energy Secretary, Mr John Herrington.



Mr John Herrington addressing yesterday's conference (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Job cuts at Bank of America

Hong Kong (Reuters) - The troubled Bank of America may cut as many as 270 jobs in Hong Kong and Bangkok to reduce costs.

Big differences in impact of cheap oil

Brussels (Reuters) - Motorists and householders in some European Economic Community countries have hardly benefited from the steep fall in the price of crude oil this year.

Carlo in £16.1m bid for Jonas Woodhead

Carlo Engineering Group, the Huddersfield manufacturer of car clutch and brake cables, has made a £16.1 million agreed bid for Jonas Woodhead & Sons, the Yorkshire engineering group.

Changing face of VAT man

The VAT man, often seen increasing the risk to this great revenue source.

Revolution in the City

On Monday the Stock Exchange enters the new world of alpha, beta, gamma and delta stocks, market-makers, primary dealers and bought deals.

Confusion hits mortgage rise

Four more home loan institutions have raised their mortgage rates after the Halifax and Abbey National increases this week.

Hoare Govett in £1bn consortium

Hoare Govett, one of the City's largest stockbrokers, is to take charge of several hundred million pounds of equity underwriting capital.

A stronger trend in sterling appeared yesterday to vindicate, for the time being, the Government's decision to stand out against a second rise in interest rates.

Reuters offer \$92m for Instinet

Reuters, the international business information group, yesterday announced a \$92 million (£64 million) offer for the Instinet Corporation of New York, the suppliers of an equities computerized dealing system.

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Robin Leigh-Pemberton: Less pressure for rates rise.

Thursday, but the suggestion by the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, that targets for the broad measure of the money supply should be abandoned, seems to have been calmly received.

£1bn issue surprise for dealers

Gilt-edged dealers celebrating their last day on the Stock Exchange floor were caught in mid-conga yesterday afternoon when the Government Broker announced a surprise new issue of stock.

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Oppenheimer advertisement featuring a large vertical logo and a table of performance data for various trusts and funds.

WALL STREET

Modest rise in Dow

New York (Reuters) - Share prices added modestly to Thursday's broad advance despite some mild declines in the bond market in early trading yesterday. High technology issues, particularly computers and semiconductors, pulled ahead while stocks associated with takeover talk continued to trade actively. After advancing nearly 27 points on Thursday on improved economic figures, the Dow Jones industrial average added another 2.67 to 1837.60. The transport indicator edged up 0.12 to 829.50 while the utilities average slipped 0.51 to 201.64. The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index showed a slight gain of 0.08 at 239.36 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index edged up 0.05 to 137.81. Advancing and declining issues were about even on a volume of 15 million shares.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, ASA, Allied Signal) and their corresponding prices and changes.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., First Dealings, Last Dealings) and their corresponding prices and changes.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Large table listing various traditional options with columns for Bid, Offer, and other financial data.

£41m FR rights issue

The Dorset-based FR Group, which makes equipment for the aircraft, energy and electronics industries, reports higher interim results and plans for a £41.72 million (gross) rights issue. Turnover rose from £37.02 million to £46.08 million in the first half of this year, while pretax profit expanded from £5.93 million to £7.15 million. The interim dividend is being lifted to 1.35p, compared with 1.12p last time, adjusted for the one-for-five scrip issue in June. Earnings per share rose from 7.47p, adjusted, to 7.95p. The rights issue will be a one-for-five basis at 285p a share.

COMPANY NEWS

SECURITIES TRUST OF SCOTLAND: Six months to September 30, interim dividend raised to 1p (0.8p) to reduce disparity between payments. The directors expect to recommend a total dividend of 3p (2.5p) for the year to March 31, 1987. Comparisons have been adjusted to reflect the one-for-five scrip issue in June. Pretax profit £3.58 million (£3.68 million). Earnings per share 1.53p (1.52p). Net asset value per ordinary share, after deducting prior charges at par, 112.30p (78.4p) and at market value, 114.3p (79.8p).

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Dollar Spot Rates, and other international exchange data.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table listing London financial futures contracts such as Three Month Sterling, Dec 85, Mar 87, etc.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

Large table listing unit-linked insurance investments across various categories like International Cap, Property, and others.

Table titled 'RECENT ISSUES' listing various equity issues with columns for company names and issue details.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table listing London traded options for various stocks and indices, including columns for Series, Call, and Put prices.

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Table showing money market rates and gold prices, including Treasury Bills and Euro Money Deposits.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS

Table listing Euro money deposit rates for various currencies and terms.

TREASURY BILLS

Table listing Treasury bill rates and prices for different maturities.

ECGD

Table listing ECGD (Export Credit Guarantee Department) rates and conditions.

PROPERTY

Table listing property investment opportunities and prices.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'Offices dearest in Tokyo' and other fragments.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information with columns for fund names, prices, and changes. Includes sub-sections like 'ASSET MANAGERS', 'GENERAL INVESTMENT', 'BOND INVESTMENT', 'EQUITY INVESTMENT', 'INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT', 'RETIRED INVESTMENT', 'SPECIAL INVESTMENT', 'PROPERTY INVESTMENT', 'COMMODITY INVESTMENT', 'MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT', 'STRUCTURED INVESTMENT', 'HYBRID INVESTMENT', 'GLOBAL INVESTMENT', 'EMERGENCY INVESTMENT', 'PENSION INVESTMENT', 'CHILD INVESTMENT', 'SPECIAL INVESTMENT', 'RETIRED INVESTMENT', 'SPECIAL INVESTMENT', 'PROPERTY INVESTMENT', 'COMMODITY INVESTMENT', 'MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT', 'STRUCTURED INVESTMENT', 'HYBRID INVESTMENT', 'GLOBAL INVESTMENT', 'EMERGENCY INVESTMENT', 'PENSION INVESTMENT', 'CHILD INVESTMENT'.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table of unlisted securities with columns for company name, price, and change.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trusts with columns for trust name, price, and change.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices for various goods like oil, metals, and grains.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table of financial trusts with columns for trust name, price, and change.

The price in this section refers to Thursday's trading

At dividend, a Cum dividend, a Cum stock split, a Ex stock split, a Ex any two or more of above, a Dividend or valuation date, (1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (6) Saturday, (7) Sunday, (8) 1st day of month, (9) 15th day of month, (10) 31st day of month, (11) 1st day of month, (12) 15th day of month, (13) 31st day of month, (14) 1st day of month, (15) 15th day of month, (16) 31st day of month, (17) 1st day of month, (18) 15th day of month, (19) 31st day of month, (20) 1st day of month, (21) 15th day of month, (22) 31st day of month, (23) 1st day of month, (24) 15th day of month, (25) 31st day of month, (26) 1st day of month, (27) 15th day of month, (28) 31st day of month, (29) 1st day of month, (30) 15th day of month, (31) 31st day of month, (32) 1st day of month, (33) 15th day of month, (34) 31st day of month, (35) 1st day of month, (36) 15th day of month, (37) 31st day of month, (38) 1st day of month, (39) 15th day of month, (40) 31st day of month, (41) 1st day of month, (42) 15th day of month, (43) 31st day of month, (44) 1st day of month, (45) 15th day of month, (46) 31st day of month, (47) 1st day of month, (48) 15th day of month, (49) 31st day of month, (50) 1st day of month, (51) 15th day of month, (52) 31st day of month, (53) 1st day of month, (54) 15th day of month, (55) 31st day of month, (56) 1st day of month, (57) 15th day of month, (58) 31st day of month, (59) 1st day of month, (60) 15th day of month, (61) 31st day of month, (62) 1st day of month, (63) 15th day of month, (64) 31st day of month, (65) 1st day of month, (66) 15th day of month, (67) 31st day of month, (68) 1st day of month, (69) 15th day of month, (70) 31st day of month, (71) 1st day of month, (72) 15th day of month, (73) 31st day of month, (74) 1st day of month, (75) 15th day of month, (76) 31st day of month, (77) 1st day of month, (78) 15th day of month, (79) 31st day of month, (80) 1st day of month, (81) 15th day of month, (82) 31st day of month, (83) 1st day of month, (84) 15th day of month, (85) 31st day of month, (86) 1st day of month, (87) 15th day of month, (88) 31st day of month, (89) 1st day of month, (90) 15th day of month, (91) 31st day of month, (92) 1st day of month, (93) 15th day of month, (94) 31st day of month, (95) 1st day of month, (96) 15th day of month, (97) 31st day of month, (98) 1st day of month, (99) 15th day of month, (100) 31st day of month.

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Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Gains or Loss. Lists various companies and their performance.

Please be sure to take account of any minus signs. Weekly Dividend. Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

Table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN, Week Total. Shows weekly dividend breakdown.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table with columns: High, Low, Stock, Price, Change, % Change, YTD, P/E. Lists various British funds.

Table with columns: SHORTS (Under Five Years), FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS, OVER FIFTEEN YEARS. Lists short-term and long-term investments.

Table with columns: UNDATED, INDEX-LINKED. Lists undated and index-linked investments.

Table with columns: BANKS DISCOUNT HP. Lists banks and discount rates.

Table with columns: ELECTRICALS. Lists electrical companies and their performance.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Confident end to the account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on October 13. Dealings ended yesterday. Contango day Monday. Settlement day November 3. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Table with columns: 1986 High, Low, Company, Price, Change, % Change, YTD, P/E. Lists various companies.

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After October 27th, as the echoes fade, the U.K. financial community will find itself adjusting to its new circumstances.

Some firms will find the new competitive environment unfamiliar. Some will need to spend time putting their houses in order. Others will have to ease themselves into new relationships, adapt to new situations, and live under new labels.

Meanwhile, corporate financial officers and professional investors will be asking the question: "Which of the many new financial services groups will be the best equipped to serve our needs from now on?"

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How can corporate and institutional market users benefit from all the changes?

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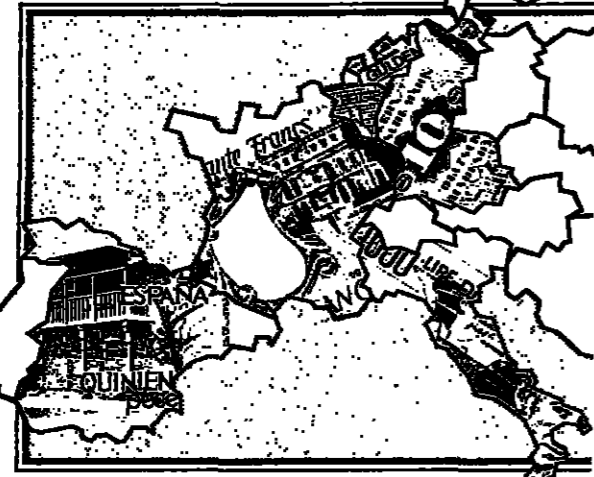
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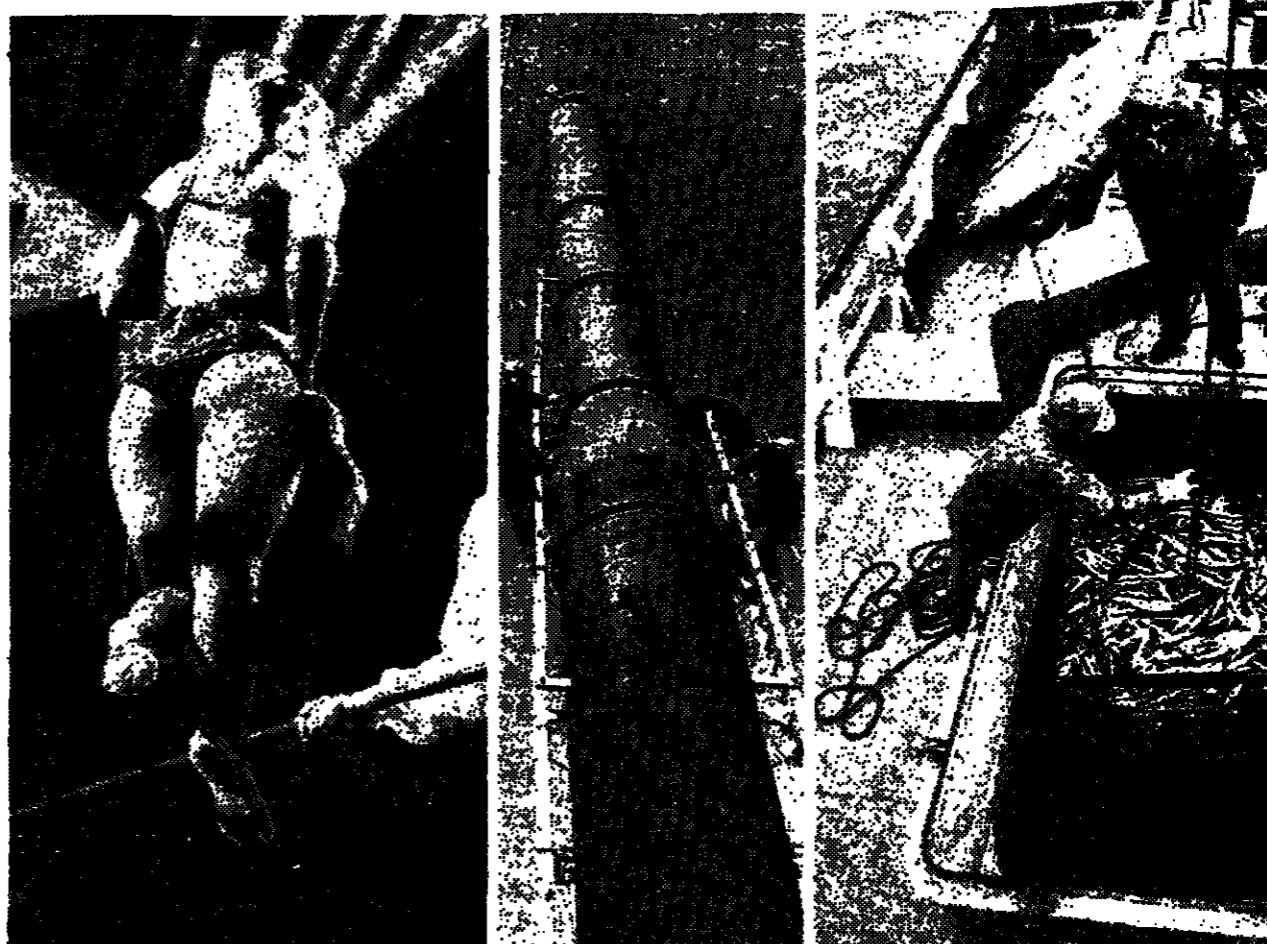
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Mansell celebrates everything except his life premiums



In the top brackets: The price of life assurance is high for aerial artists, steeplejacks, and even deep-sea trawlermen

Price of a champ's fame

LIFE COVER

Nigel Mansell will be making his bid tomorrow for the World Championship in Formula One racing. If he succeeds he will follow James Hunt into the select category of living legends.

Mr Mansell must surely be a man to be envied in most respects.

But not all. Even Formula One racing drivers have to pay for their glamour. Apart from being subjected to enormous centrifugal forces while sitting in a cramped cockpit in his fireproof undergarment for several hours, Mr Mansell has the serious problem of paying over the odds for life assurance.

Most people take out life assurance to protect their dependants in the event of their death. The idea of leaving one's family with a financial safety net is naturally pleasing to any woman or man with mouths to feed.

Some contracts are for tax reasons

of life protection has the trade name of "term assurance". If you die during the term of the loan your bank will benefit from the proceeds of the policy.

Other contracts are taken out for tax planning reasons, or to protect a company which relies heavily on an important executive - a "key man".

If you have a penchant for hang gliding, pot-holing or powerboat racing you must own up to it.

Indulging in a "hazardous pursuit", whether trivial or not, will probably bump up the price you pay for your cover.

Every contract is written according to the risks on the individual life," says John Dyason, deputy life underwriter at Swiss Re (UK). The

increments, though, according to Swiss Re's occupational underwriting guide, seem rather modest.

A Red Arrow pilot will pay only 5 per cent above ordinary rate, while a member of the armed forces in Northern Ireland need find just 3 per cent more.

But the book has an ominous red line through the rate for a contract on a member of a Lebanese peace-keeping force. The word "decline" has been written over the figures.

Mr Dyason describes the compendium of rates as "the distilled knowledge of actuaries and business practitioners".

He says: "Some things we write contracts for are difficult to monitor accurately. How many trapeze artists are there, and how many are killed on the job?"

The risk of being a trapeze artist is roughly equivalent, in actuarial terms, to being on a trawler or being a painter and decorator, or even a steeplejack "above 50ft". Stuntmen have one of the most dangerous jobs, with a 5 per cent extra loading.

If you have an ordinary rate job, such as an electroplater, a swimming instructor or a zoo keeper, unless working in the bear or big cat house, you may still have problems at the life office if you have exotic hobbies.

Record attempts in balloons, bobsleigh runs and pot-holing will all attract a premium between 2 and 7.5 per cent above the normal rate. Judo, karate and even ice hockey - the fight where the occasional game breaks out -

should not affect life premium rates.

Motor racing is deemed to be a pursuit rather than an occupation by the actuaries. Mr Mansell would have to pay £17.50 to £30 per £1,000 insured on his life. This is handsomely more than a male journalist aged under 30, who can protect his life for just £6 to £7 per £1,000 insured.

The beauty of life assurance from the assured's point of view is that once a contract is made the assured can then go off and work on an oil rig or take up rock climbing.

"If someone starts out as a bank clerk and takes up a dangerous hobby, we have to live with it," says a spokesman from Commercial Union.

"We will have made a contract with that person

Insurance deals are based on good faith

when he or she did not have these inclinations."

It is pleasing to think that the insurance industry will take you on board, whims, urges and all.

If, of course, you do not declare a penchant for National Hunt racing at the time of making the contract, your family may not benefit from the policy if the hunter breaks your neck. Insurance contracts in general must be made, in good faith, and failure to disclose an important fact, might render the contract worthless.

As the man from Commercial Union says: "The whole principle of this type of insurance is that it isn't fair to insure in a safe occupation to subsidize the person whose job or lifestyle is particularly hazardous."

Martin Baker

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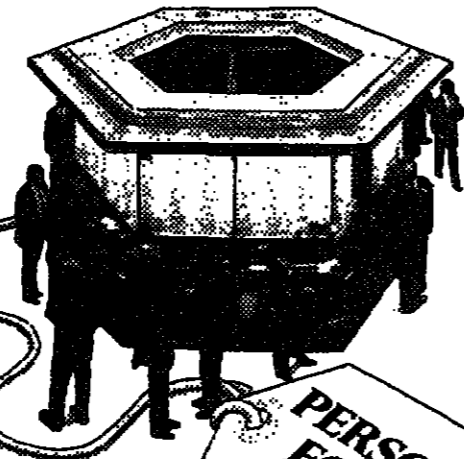
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INVESTMENT

Some investors will have moral objections to investing in South Africa under the present regime. They may also be opposed to the sale of armaments, tobacco and alcohol, and to animal testing. Religious, political and trade union affiliations may all affect investors' attitudes. What constitutes an ethical investment is very much a personal decision.

With individual shares it is possible, particularly with smaller companies, to monitor their activities. But what happens in the case of pooled investments such as unit trusts or insurance bonds? They may easily have a portfolio of 50 or more holdings and it is obviously impossible for the private investor to examine every share individually.

In answer to this problem ethical funds have sprung up in the United States and indeed have become big business. In his report, 'The Financial Initiative', investment adviser Giles Chitty says "moral" mutual funds have taken in £50 billion - equal to 5 per cent of all stock traded on Wall Street.

Following the success of "moral" mutual funds in the United States, Friends' Provident launched its Stewardship unit trust in the UK in May 1984. With any investment performance is the key question. Can ethics and profit be partners?

The Stewardship unit trust has risen by 59.1 per cent and 18.2 per cent over two years

Constraints need not be a handicap

and 12 months respectively to October 1, 1986, on an offer-to-bid basis, according to Money Management statistics, outperforming the Friends' Provident ordinary general fund.

The Stewardship unit trust has also kept pace with the FT All-Share Index. So it would seem the constraints under which an ethical fund operates are not necessarily a handicap.

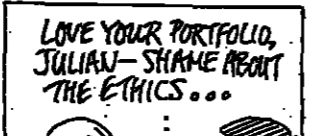
The Stewardship unit trust was set up to provide an investment vehicle for people whose social, religious and political views prevent them from regarding financial gain as the sole criterion for investment.

As well as showing satisfactory investment performance the fund has been something of a marketing success and is now valued at £26 million. There is also a Stewardship pension fund valued at £4 million.

The Stewardship fund invests in UK companies whose products, services and operations are regarded as being of long-term benefit to the community both here and overseas.

Investments in companies involved with armaments, gambling, alcohol and tobacco are avoided - so are companies with interests in South Africa. The fund has 2,500 unit-holders.

Investigation of companies is undertaken by the Ethical Investment Research and Information Service (EIRIS). It looks not only at the products or services provided but also at employment practices.



Attitudes towards local communities, natural resources, pollution control and the political and social environment of countries in which the companies trade or have substantial interests.

All this research is time-consuming, costs money and is reflected in the charges which are higher than average for a UK general fund.

Tobacco stocks are avoided

The largest holdings are Marks & Spencer and ASDA/MFI (retail), Reuters (communications), Hazlewoods Foods, and Oxford Instruments, which makes body scanners. The fund is 100 per cent invested in the UK and has an acceptable list of around 270 companies, which have been vetted as meeting the criteria although the fund has only 67 holdings.

TBS is on the acceptable list, so is British Telecom. Glaxo is not. Two other ethical funds, with similar investment criteria are the Buckmaster & Moore Fellowship unit trust and the Ethical Investment Fund, both launched in July this year.

The Buckmaster & Moore Fellowship unit trust has comparatively low charges, with a 4 per cent initial and 1 per cent annual charge. The fund is more international than the other "moral" funds.

It is valued at £550,000 and has 34 holdings. Only 50 per cent of the fund is invested in the UK, with the balance split between other equity markets and cash.

Unlike the other funds, Buckmaster & Moore does not have an acceptable list of stocks but has a team of analysts which scrutinizes the shares for suitability. John Fitzmaurice, associate director, admits: "It is extremely difficult checking up on Japanese stocks, for example." There is also a committee of reference.

The largest holding is the French store group, Bazard de l'Hotel, which accounts for 6.7 per cent of the fund. Buckmaster & Moore likes the chemical sector but has difficulty in finding suitable companies as many of them manufacture explosives and herbicides. This means that "blue chips" such as ICI are out. High-quality electronic stocks such as GEC, Plessey and Racal are all out because the fund managers exclude armament stocks.

However, one chemical company that meets Buckmaster & Moore's criteria is Yorkshire Chemical. The third largest holding is Parrier, the French mineral water firm.

The Ethical Investment Fund is underwritten by Royal Heritage and charges an initial charge of 5 per cent and a monthly charge of 0.125 per cent. Alison MacDonald, the marketing manager, emphasizes that the fund is particularly committed to supporting UK companies.

Does not invest in any company which has more than 5 per cent of its business overseas

Like Friends' Provident, the Ethical Investment Fund uses EIRIS. The £750,000 fund will not invest in banks. Also excluded are companies making political donations of more than £10,000.

Fidelity Professional Growth trust, while not exactly an "ethical" unit trust, avoids investing in tobacco stocks, so it may be of particular interest to non-smokers. Over one year to October 1, it has risen 14.5 per cent on an offer-to-bid basis.

In the last analysis financial gain is regarded by many investors as being as important as ethical considerations, but there is no reason why ethical and investment criteria have to be mutually exclusive.

Stephanie Hawthorne

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

Current account - no interest paid. Deposit accounts - seven days' notice required for withdrawals. Barclays 5 per cent, Lloyds 5 per cent, Midland 5 per cent, NatWest 5 per cent, National Girobank 5 per cent. Fixed term deposits £10,000 to £24,999 1 month 7.625 per cent, 3 months 7.625 per cent, 6 months 7.50 per cent (National Westminster), 1 month 7.101 per cent, 3 months 7.195 per cent (Midland). Other banks may differ.

Table with columns: Fund, Net GNAR, Telephone. Lists various investment funds and their details.



National Savings Bank Ordinary Accounts - If a minimum balance of £100 maintained for whole of 1986, 6 per cent interest p.a. for each complete month where balance is over £500, otherwise 3 per cent. Investment Accounts - 10.75 per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £100,000.

National Savings Income Bond Minimum investment £2,000, maximum £100,000. Interest 11.25 per cent variable at six weeks' notice, paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 months' notice. Penalties in first year.

National Savings Indexed Income Bond Start rate monthly income for first year, 8 per cent, increased at end of each year to match increase in prices as measured by Retail Prices Index. Cash value remains the same, income taxable, paid gross. Three months' notice of withdrawal. Minimum investment of £5,000 in multiples of £1,000. Maximum £100,000.

National Savings 4th Index-Linked Certificates. Maximum investment - £5,000.

excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the Retail Prices Index. Supplement of 3.00 per cent in the first year, 3.25 per cent in the second, 3.50 per cent in the third, 4.50 per cent in the fourth and 6.00 per cent in the fifth. Value of Retirement Issue Certificates purchased in October 1981, £145.76 including bonus and supplement. September RPI 387.8. (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month).

National Savings Certificate 31st issue. Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 7.85 per cent, maximum investment £10,000. General extension rate for holders of earlier issues which have reached maturity is 8.01 per cent.

National Savings Yearly Plan A one-year regular savings plan converting into four-year savings certificates. Minimum £20 a month, maximum £200. Return over five years 8.19 per cent, tax-free.

National Savings Deposit Bond Minimum investment £100, maximum £100,000. Interest 11.25 per cent variable at six weeks' notice credited annually without deduction of tax. Repayment at three months' notice. Half interest only paid on bonds repaid during first year.

Local Authority Yearling Bonds 12 months fixed rate investments interest 11 per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayer), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Guaranteed Income Bonds Return paid net of basic rate tax; higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity. 1.2 & 3 yrs New Direction Finance/Credit & Commerce, 9 per cent; 4 & 5 yrs Pinnacle 9.25 per cent.

Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted net (basic rate tax deducted at source non-claimable) 1yr Leicester 7.48 per cent, min inv £500; 2&3yrs Bristol 8.25 per cent; 4yrs Hereford & Worcester 7 per cent, min inv £1,000; 5yrs Vale of Glamorgan 6.13 per cent, min inv £500; 5&6yrs Telford 6.21 per cent, min inv £1,000. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy, Loans Bureau (BS6 6SE) between 10am and 2.30pm, see also Prestel no 24808.

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DONCASTER

Selections

- 1.15 Hilton Brown. 1.45 Plague O'Rats. 2.15 Suhailie. 2.45 Jokist. 3.15 Alarm Call. 3.45 Hamcrows. 4.15 Canonga.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 6-4432 TIMEFORM (CDB) (Mrs J Pyley) B Hill 6-10-0 B West (4) 88 7-2 Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure distance winner. BF-bracketed favourite in latest form. P-pedigree. U-unraced rider. B-bred. Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and sex in brackets. S-sold. P-purchase price. R-race record. L-late. The name name of the horse. V-veteran. H-horse. E-early. C-c. Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and price.

Going: good, round course; good to soft, straight Draw: low numbers best

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes races like 1.15 LONG JOHN SCOTCH WHISKY HANDICAP EUROPEAN APPRENTICE CHAMPIONSHIP.

FORM SI SHONOR, off the course since July, earlier (8-0) 3 runner-up to Gray Desire (8-0) in York...

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 1.45 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,480).

FORM PEATSWOOD SHOOTER (8-11) had Thursday's Horris Hill winner, Nabeez, behind when running on 11/2...

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 2.15 WILLIAM HILL FUTURITY STAKES (Group 1: 2-Y-O: £24,120: 1m).

FORM ARABIAN SHEIK (8-11) had Thursday's Horris Hill winner, Nabeez, behind when running on 11/2...

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 2.45 SOLAGLAS ENERGY SAVERS HANDICAP (£5,400: 6f) (15 runners).

FORM CATHERINES WELLD (8-11) had Thursday's Horris Hill winner, Nabeez, behind when running on 11/2...

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 3.45 ELMFIELD PARK STAKES (£2,070: 2m 2f) (12 runners).

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Suhailie can give Cecil sixth Futurity triumph

In an attempt to win the William Hill Futurity for the sixth time at Doncaster today, Henry Cecil will be saddling Reference Point in addition to Suhailie. Steve Cauthen has put his own judgement on the line by picking the unbeaten Suhailie, who recently broke the track record at Haydock when he won the Dream Mile...



Arctic Bean (left) is led over the last by I Haventaken in the Rosy Brook Chase at Newbury yesterday but got up to force a dead-heat. Report and results, page 41

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 2.0 TEROSON HURDLE (£2,583: 2m 100y) (4 runners).

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 3.00 TEROSON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,662: 3m) (5 runners).

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 4.00 TEROTEX HANDICAP (£1,632: 2m 200y) (9 runners).

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 4.30 TEROTRIM NOVICE HURDLE (£980: 2m 100y) (11 runners).

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Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 2.45 PRIDE OF THE MIDLANDS NOVICE CHASE (Div 1: £1306: 2m) (13 runners).

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 3.15 WORCESTERSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,802: 2m) (10 runners).

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 3.45 SIR KEN NOVICE HURDLE (£2,128: 2m 2f) (25 runners).

NEWBURY Selections

- 1.30 Perfect Timing. 2.00 Indian Hal. 2.30 Dry Dock. 3.00 KAZAROUN (nap). 3.30 Sharp Reminder. 4.00 Open Hero.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 VERD-ANTIQUE (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 SUPREME ROSE.

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 1.30 MECCA BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (£8,500: 6f) (14 runners).

FORM PERFECT TIMING is improving and carried a 7lb penalty to a 11m (8-11) over Don Jock (8-11) at Newmarket (6-11)...

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 2.0 THAMES VALLEY EGGS HANDICAP (£7,387: 1m 3f) (18 runners).

FORM KAZAROUN (8-11) runner-up to Verd-Antique (8-11) at Newmarket (1m 4f, £24,000, good to firm, Oct 2, 7 ran, 11 runners)...

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 2.30 DICK DAWSON STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,663: 1m) (24 runners).

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FORM KAZAROUN (8-11) made all and dictated the pace to suit him, eventually beating HIGHLAND CHEFTAIN (8-10)...

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 3.30 OCTOBER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,584: 6f) (17 runners).

Table with 3 columns: Race No., Horse Name, and Odds. Includes 4.0 LETCOMBE HANDICAP (£5,520: 1m) (27 runners).

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RACING

Nicholson has Mackeson in mind for Voice Of Progress

Voice Of Progress became a possible for the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham in a fortnight's time when trotting up in the Glynned International Chase at Newbury yesterday.

Les Kennard, the winning trainer, has the Tote Hurdle formerly the Schweppes Gold Trophy, in mind as a long-term objective for Saffron, Lord.

Results from four meetings

Newbury 2.0 (2m 40y) 1. HAVENLIGHT (P. Dunwoody, 11-1) ... 2.0 (2m 100y) 1. SAFFRON LORD (P. Dunwoody, 3-1) ... 4.0 (2m 100y) 1. PROBLEM CHILD (M. Hammon, 9-1) ... 4.0 (2m 100y) 1. BARNBOROUGH (P. Dunwoody, 11-2)

Gallop good 2.0 (2m 40y) 1. HAVENLIGHT (P. Dunwoody, 11-1) ... 2.0 (2m 100y) 1. SAFFRON LORD (P. Dunwoody, 3-1) ... 4.0 (2m 100y) 1. PROBLEM CHILD (M. Hammon, 9-1) ... 4.0 (2m 100y) 1. BARNBOROUGH (P. Dunwoody, 11-2)

Doncaster

Going: good to soft, straight, good, round 2.0 (1m 100y) 1. PRINCE OF THRONON (S. D. Gosses, 11-1) ... 2.0 (1m 100y) 1. PRINCE OF THRONON (S. D. Gosses, 11-1)

Ludlow

Going: firm 1.45 (2m 40y) 1. RAINBOW WOOD (P. A. Paterson, 11-1) ... 2.45 (2m 40y) 1. TALKING HEAD (M. Hammon, 9-1)

Carlisle

Going: good to course, good, hard, course good 2.30 (1m 100y) 1. U-BASS COPY (P. Dunwoody, 11-1) ... 2.30 (1m 100y) 1. U-BASS COPY (P. Dunwoody, 11-1)

OVERSEAS RACING

Valuable Witness to enjoy his finest hour From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Valuable Witness, who is undated in seven races spread over the past two seasons, can gain the most important success of his career in the £36,389 Prix de la Forêt looks even more competitive. It may well be dominated by fillies for the 16 runners including the first three in the Poule d'Essai des Poulaines - Baiser Volé, Secret Form and River Dancer.

In spring Fratton Park could have a ball

Ever since, as a football not in my mid-twenties, I travelled by train across Europe for England's World Cup qualifying tie against Poland, Alan Ball has held a special place in my sporting affections. For it was Ball who ended my frantic search for a ticket in the team's hotel foyer in Katowice, a couple of hours before the match kicked off in a game which left England contemplating the prospect, soon to be realized, of missing out on the finals in West Germany.



Alan Ball: happy in the wind and rain

With players like Mike Quinn, scorer of 13 goals to date after his Tuesday treble, and Kevin Dillon, Ball would have no worries if only they could keep their form.

Doubts over Casey's fitness

Kidderminster Harriers may go into their FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie away to Chelmsford City today without Kim Casey, at present the most prolific goal scorer in senior non-League football.

United can go back to the top

Dundee United, who struck the most notable blow for Scotland in European competition in midweek, are confident that they can return to the top of the premier division table today. They have formidable welcome back Martin Thomas and McCann, signed from Bradford City, and as well as United playing that if they gain another victory they can move into the top of the table.

Faded giants fight out the derby that does not matter

The acute problems of the two Manchester clubs come sharply into focus tomorrow when the ITV televises the 10th derby. Few, if any, of those fixtures between these famous clubs can have held less significance for the rest of the country than this one at Maine Road.

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Rugby Union

France out to batter Romania Jacques Bouchard, the French coach, knows that the Romanians can become awkward opponents unless battered into submission. The spearhead of his planned onslaught today is expected to be the French front row, including the most feared loose-head prop in French rugby, Hervé Chabatowski, who has been injured by a year-long injury. Lorient also appears at top international level, while Carmichael, of Bezes, makes his international debut at No. 8.

Athletics

Kristiansen is aiming to break new ground From Pat Butcher, Chicago

Malley earns bronze

Six years ago, Avril Malley won a light-heavyweight bronze medal in the first world championships for women in New York and yesterday, in the fourth world championships here, she found herself competing for a bronze medal again.

FOR THE RECORD

- BASKETBALL CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE First division: Derby 102, Hove 86. ... TENNIS TORONTO: Men's singles quarter-finalist AGG scores: ... WRESTLING HUNGARIAN: World championships: Greco-Roman preliminary bouts of 68kg who won medals last year: ...

GOLF

Davies wins Open in a grandstand finish From John Hennessy, La Manga

Laura Davies, the Women's Open champion, achieved two further distinctions here yesterday. She won the La Manga Club Spanish Open, and with it a prize of £3,750, and thereby overtook Lotta Neumann, of Sweden, to win the Women's Professional Golf Association order of merit for the second year.

Badminton

Baddeley beats fatigue

Sieve Baddeley, England's Commonwealth champion, earned himself a place in the televised semi-finals of the British Airways Masters at the Royal Albert Hall, in a typically courageous display to beat Jens-Peter Nierhoff, the title holder in 1983, by 8-15, 15-10, 15-9.

Hockey

Southgate have Kerly back

Sean Kerly, England's centre forward, will put the disappointment of last week's World Cup final defeat behind him when he leads the Southgate attack against Denmark, the champions of the preliminary round of the Pizza Express London league match at Picketts Lock today.

Wrestling

Scottish girl succumbed to an armlock. David Atkinson, who scored the winning goal for Surrey in last season's county final against Devon is expected to play at outside right for them tomorrow in a fairly balanced side where the accent is moving on to youth. Guy Marchant, who scored a total of 26 goals in league and cup matches last season, will be inside right.

CRICKET: TOURISTS FAIL TO COPE WITH QUEENSLAND ATTACK England squander their chances for impressive score on blameless pitch

England received a sharp reminder yesterday of the perils of sloppiness on the first day of their opening first-class fixture against Queensland. Put in by Border on the supposition that moisture underneath the surface would help his faster bowlers, England were ignominiously dismissed for 135 on a pitch that, in the event, behaved less than perfectly throughout a scorching day.

By close of play Kerr, who has won two Test caps for Australia, and Courice, another slim six-footer, reduced the Queensland deficit by 52, setting up a position from which they have every chance of putting England under pressure to avoid a draw.

The ball ran unkindly for the England in the extended final session, their own innings having ended 10 minutes before tea. Foster striking a dangerous attacking length and line and troubling both batsmen. He had Kerr missed at second slip by Botham, the chance travelling fast but reaching him two-handed at chest height, while Small was unafraid to attack edge by Courice failed to carry to the slips, and Embury when the same batsman, swinging off balance with the spin, saw a mis-hit fall out of reach of Foster at square leg. Nevertheless, for 2hr 10min they displayed a degree of application conspicuous by its absence in the England innings.

After their invigorating batting a week ago in Bundaberg, and Lamb's fine hundred in

From a Special Correspondent, Brisbane

the mid-week game at Lawes, England's performance was as much a surprise as a disappointment. With the exceptions of Gatting and Embury, who shared a sixth wicket stand of 53 for a score of 57 for five, and French, who played correctly for an hour to be undefeated at the end, they batted for the most part with a negative attitude to the Queensland bowling or for the psychological advantages to be had from heavy scoring early in a tour.

Slack, unsettled by Frei, a fast-medium left-hand bowler, was the only batsman with no reason to chastise himself. He was undone by a quicker ball to a left-handed batsman, pitching middle and off from over the wicket, and swinging away late to take the outside edge. Lamb, bowled by from an inswinging yorker from Tazelaar, another of the wicket left-arm bowlers, met an awkward ball as soon as he came in; but the rest in varying degrees made presents of their wickets.

Broad, who through height, composition and technique, looks as if he should do well on Australian pitches, wasted a careful 45-minute reconnaissance with an aimless back-foot waft against McDermott that fetched up at mid-off. Gover made a mess of an offside half volley he would normally have hit for four, and Botham was caught at second slip, forcing through the covers. Even Gatting, who had looked solid for an hour,

off driving and square cutting, was out to a poor stroke, thick-edged by a forcing stroke to guyy.

Tazelaar, a lean six-foot three-inch left-arm bowler with hair the colour of Greg Norman's, picked up four for 34 with a composite of inswinging and nicely varied pace. McDermott, who lost his Test place in Bombay, bowled with pace and good control, and after an early, inexpensive miss by Ritchie at first slip, Queensland gave away nothing in the field.



Imran Khan: led a minor comeback in the Pakistani innings

Imran Khan and Malik, both playing well off their legs, took 23 runs from Marshall's next 11 balls and he was replaced by Walsh. Botham looked for runs before they put on 53 in nine overs before Malik retired hurt. At lunch Pakistan were 105 for five, and three more wickets fell in rapid succession immediately after the interval.

Patterson led a return catch for Qadir. Gray dismissed Yousef with the first ball he faced and then had Akram caught in the gully in the same over. Imran was 37 when the ninth wicket fell and was bravely stood firm as the Pakistani captain desperately drove and pulled runs.

Imran finally scored a high return catch to Gray. He had batted with noble defiance through 24 overs and finished with eight runs. His magnificent West Indian attack was simply too good for the opposition, whose courage and technique was cruelly examined. As usual, the West Indies averaged barely 11 overs per hour, but the virility, grace and skill which their fast bowlers showed was awe-inspiring. They managed to restrict the tourists to Gray, playing his first Test, who bowled later. Imran did his best to match them but could only summon the same hostility with the occasional ball.

Although it was Marshall who made the initial breakthrough for the tourists, it was Gray, playing his first Test, who bowled with great control and finished with the best figures. Patterson often gave the batsmen most cause for concern about their safety but he tended to be erratic. Walsh was always steady, as he bowled slightly below full pace.

During the final 35 minutes, West Indies met with few problems as they batted with calm authority to reach 54 for one wicket before Gray, who was playing his first Test, was beaten by a ball from the left-arm Akram. Haynes and Richardson went carefully when the leg-spinner, Qadir, was brought on, but overall Pakistan must fear the worst when the match resumes on Sunday (today is a rest day because of a religious day of mourning).

YACHTING Australia IV shows the world its winning colours Sailors tell of dirty deed in the Doldrums

From Barry Pickthall Cape Town

With 17 single-handed circumnavigators having reached Cape Town, their base camp before heading into the high seas of the Southern Ocean on the second stage of the BOC Challenge, the equivalent of a 'circumnavigating Everest' - the talk here is of sinkings, knockdowns, dismastings, near misses with ships and whales - and of cheating.

Each had his own reason for breaking out of the back-of-the-pack mode. Murray had to look for a lift if he was to get past, Beasheal was uncertain that he could point as high as Kookaburra III.

When they finally met two-thirds of the way up the boat, Murray was still half-a-boat length short of getting across Australia IV - Zsec. He tacked under the lee bow of the wily yacht and the pair sailed for 20 minutes, neither man giving an inch.

When they tacked and came in to the mark there wasn't room for a dinghy between the 12-metres. They rounded the buoy with Kookaburra III's bow practically parked on the stern of Australia IV.

On the final run, Australia IV showed slightly superior speed and crossed the mark to 21sec at the third leeward. Up the final windward tack, Beasheal made the odd decision to let Murray have the tactically superior right-hand-side of the course. Then, just as oddly, they swapped sides.

These two young skippers were rewriting the rule book on how to sail an America's Cup match race. Covering was history. Flair and follow-your-nose was the only regulation.

There was no covering tack from Beasheal, he was on a lifting windshift. Murray realised his error and came straight back but was three boat lengths behind. That was the margin for Australia IV at the first windward mark, 20sec.

West Indian bowlers mow down Pakistan

From Richard Steeton Faisalabad Pakistan, who slumped to 37 for five in the first 15 overs, became the latest team to be mowed down by the West Indian fast bowlers when the first Test match began here yesterday.

Imran Khan responded to the onslaught with a forceful 61, but there could be no proper recovery from the most horrendous start that any side has made to a Test series.

Pakistan, who eventually reached 159, also lost their middle order batsman, Salim Malik, for the rest of the rubber. He fractured a bone just above the wrist in his left arm when he was struck by a rising ball from Walsh. Malik will be unable to play again for at least a month.

Inevitably, there will be questions asked about the pitch. It was being used for the first time since being re-laid after several years as a non-runner. In fact, he little pace, although the odd ball kept low. After the last remnants

of dew had gone, the pitch played evenly enough and before Pakistan went in, Imran was thankful to have won the toss. Pakistan's collapse began when Marshall had Mohsin and Rameez leg-before with the fifth and sixth balls of his third over. Both men were palpably late against balls which skidded through low, though Rameez indicated he had made contact. Mudassar saved the hat trick, but in the same over was dropped by Walsh as he was bravely stood firm as the Pakistani captain desperately drove and pulled runs.

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Law takes a break

By a Special Correspondent

Chris Law, helmsman of White Crusader, took advantage of the break in the 12 Metre racing in Fremantle to fly back to Britain this week. Law, a computer family man, had two priorities: to be back at home for his wife Jill's birthday, and to take delivery of the Soling that he will begin campaigning for an Olympic medal as soon as the America's Cup is over.

The birthday celebrations were rounded off with a visit to the musical theatre in company with Law's partner in the Soling campaign, Edward Leask. A fit 6ft 6in chartered accountant with an acute business sense and a wealth of sailing talent, Leask is anyone's ideal to begin the two-year preparation programme for the 1988 Olympic Games.

Third man in Law's soling is Jerry Richards, currently trimming Genoa for him aboard the 12-metre.

Meanwhile Law flies back to Australia on Monday to prepare for the next round of racing beginning next Sunday.

Law is indisputably Britain's top Soling sailor. He is unbeaten at the Weymouth Olympic Regatta and, after winning the Soling World Cup and the '83 Los Angeles pre-Olympic regatta and then dominating the British trials, he went to the Games in 1984 - a hot tip for a medal only to be the victim of a disputed committee decision and come away fourth.

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WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY UNION AND OTHER FIXTURES

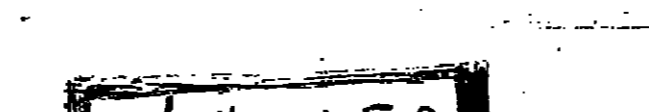
Table listing various football, rugby union, and other sports fixtures for the weekend, including team names, venues, and times.

TOMORROW

Table listing sports fixtures for the following day, including football, rugby union, and other sports.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Table listing regional television variations for Saturday and Sunday, including channel numbers and program titles.



SPORT

Mansell achieves fastest time after early crash

Nigel Mansell provoked the first gasps and ended with the last laugh when practice for the Australian Grand Prix began yesterday.

Then, in the afternoon, when the official practice was limited to 33 minutes by showers of startling ferocity and suddenness.

Beside him on the front row is the world champion, Alain Prost (McLaren) and third is Mansell's Williams teammate and fiercest rival, Nelson Piquet.

Mansell was making no excuses for his morning slide. "When a car clips a corner and goes off, then the driver must be to blame," he said.

He is grateful to the team for having now given me a spare car, or I would have to sit out valuable practice time.

The return of Southall, whose recovery target had originally been Christmas, is a rare piece of good news for Kendall.

Crowe said the Somerset committee had acted for the future of the county and the matter had been built out of proportion.

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CRICKET Crowe in threat of withdrawal

Wellington (Reuter) - The New Zealander, Martin Crowe, said yesterday that he would not play in England if Somerset's members overturned the county committee's decision to sign him in place of Viv Richards and Joel Garner.

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Form for 'Is someone in your family hard of hearing?' containing personal details and contact information for Hearing Aid.

Graf gets last laugh

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Rosalyn Fairbank of Durban, has beaten two seeds, Manuela Maleeva and Jo Durie, to qualify for a semi-final with Steffi Graf in the Pretty Polly tournament at Brighton Centre.

Miss Fairbank ranks 34th among singles players and 14th in doubles, a craft in which she maintains a South African tradition.

The British champion, who beat Miss Graf in this tournament a year ago, played a typically patchy match. She is big and strong and is always at her best when hitting freely.

The other match may have hinged on the 14-point seventh game of the second set, in which Miss White had six game points but Miss Graf broke through to lead 4-3.

An extraordinary incident occurred when Miss White was leading 5-1 in the first set. As Miss Graf prepared to serve the next game, a group of German youngsters produced a striking example of the rhythmic clapping that is common in Germany but alien to Brighton.

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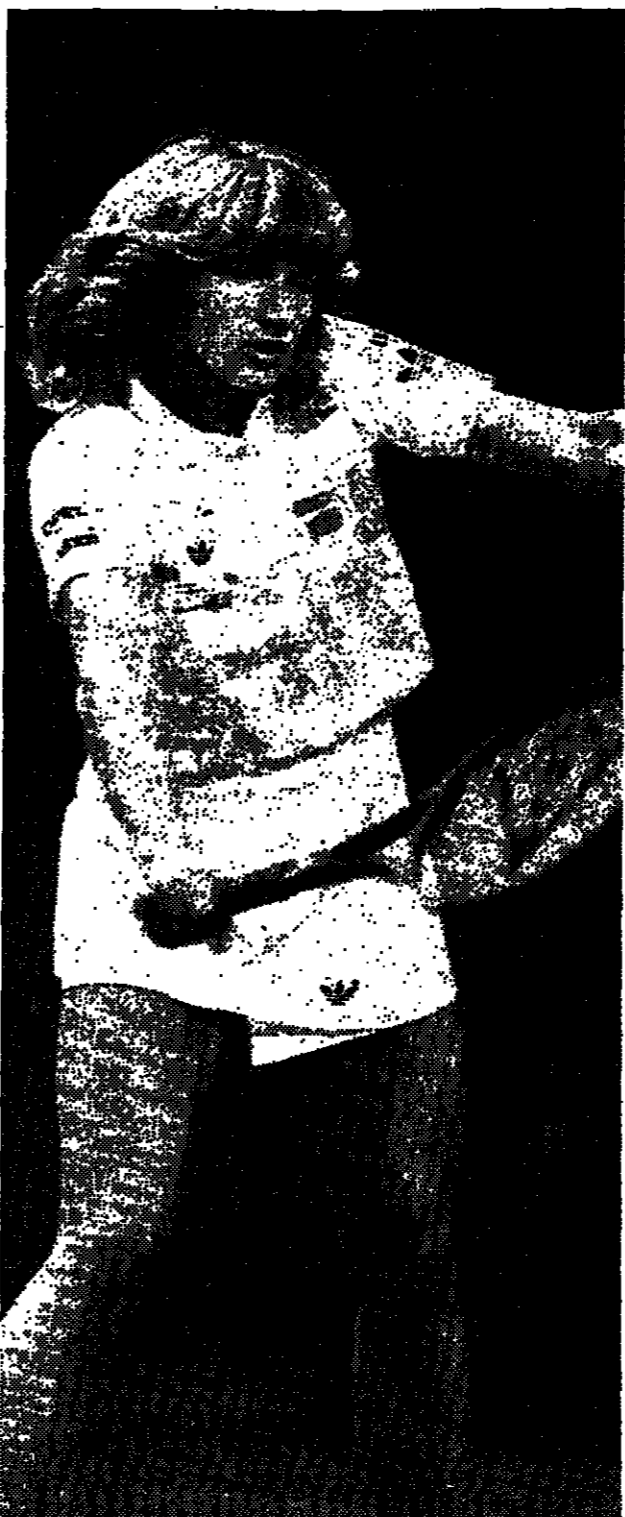
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Steffi Graf: wins yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

at Flushing Meadow, amid abuse and laughter, would have taken some such form as "Get dat bum outa here!"

Miss White was less sympathetic. With Miss Graf at the other end of the court, she already had enough to worry about.

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The inspired in pursuit of the invincible

By Keith Macklin

For two years the Great Britain coach, Maurice Bamford, has nurtured a dream: to beat the allegedly invincible Australians in an international match.

When Bamford took over from Frank Myler in October 1984 he inherited a demoralized Great Britain squad who had just suffered the indignity of a complete whitewash on the tour of Australia.

Much will depend on whether Great Britain can take advantage of uncertainty among the Australian forwards.

Attendance record may be broken

With more than 26,000 seats sold in advance for the international there is a strong possibility that the attendance at Old Trafford will be a record for a Great Britain v Australia game in this country.

takingly, to put them all together again. He formed a team of manager, Les Bettinson; assistant coach, Phil Larder; physiotherapist, Mike Stabler; and fitness expert, Rod McKenzie.

GOLF CORRECTION

Our Rugby League picture yesterday showed John Ferguson and not, as stated, Henderson Gill.

Determined Lyle shares early lead

From Mitchell Platts, Quinta Do Lago

Not even Sandy Lyle could camouflage the importance of victory in the Portuguese Open as he retained a share of the lead at the halfway stage of the course here yesterday.

Lyle is sharing the lead on 133, 11 under par, with John Bland, of South Africa, when the 1986 European season began last April, it was Bland

up for a share of lead

Americans retain their lead

Patel's move

Brown is out

SNOOKER

Francisco downs Knowles

By Sydney Friskin

Silvino Francisco, of South Africa, reached the semi-finals of the Rothmans Grand Prix tournament at Reading yesterday with a 5-2 victory over Tony Knowles.

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SNOOKER

Dates tangle decision

By Sydney Friskin

half of WPBSA, said: "We feel this approach is in the best interests of snooker and therefore we are asking Belgian TV if they can accommodate."

The board viewed with displeasure the failure of Geoff Foulds to complete his match in the qualifying round of the Teenies UK championship at Boodle against David Roe on October 7. It is likely Foulds will be reprimanded.

Early farewell

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